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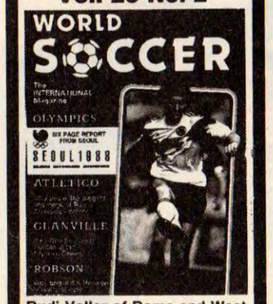

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HEYSEL TRIAL STARTS

by KEIR RADNEDGE

AS THE Heysel stadium case at last came to trial in Brussels, so the rest of Europe was busy providing evidence that no significant international progress has been made on the control of hooliganism in the three years since that most tragic European Cup Final.

Two fans have died already this season in Italy and major hooligan outbreaks have been reported not only elsewhere in Italy but from Spain, Switzerland, Holland and West Germany.

Allied to the trouble involving England fans at the European championship finals in West Germany and the picture is bleak.

Trouble erupted in Italy on the opening day of the first round of the cup on August 21. The cup has, in the past, excited little interest among clubs or fans.

But the match between Vicenza and Verona had to be abandoned three minutes from time when Vicenza supporters battered down a fence and set one of the goal nets on fire.

Verona had just taken a 1-0 lead thanks to a goal from their new Argentine star, Claudio Caniggia.

Before the match police estimated that about 1,000 Verona fans had been involved in street violence in which dozens of cars were wrecked and shop windows smashed.

During the match rival fans burned each others' flags and destroyed advertising hoardings.

Only the following Thursday civic unease over hooliganism was revealed in Holland where the mayor of Zwolle banned the forthcoming Saturday match between Pec and visiting Ajax.

Pec general manager Henk Van Ginkel said: "The mayor did not want Ajax fans hanging around in town all day. He thought that was asking for trouble.

In fact, before the season began he had told the KNVB that he "did not want Ajax or Feyenoord playing here on a Saturday because of their fans' reputation for violence."

The match was put back to a midweek date and there were few people prepared to argue.

After all, it was only three months earlier that Ajax fans had rampaged through the centre of their home city of Amsterdam, causing several thousand pounds' worth of damage, to vent their anger at Ajax's defeat by Mechelen in the final of the Cup-winners' Cup.

Then came the first legs of European club competition, with all the aggro that means. The UEFA punishment list, issued later in September after an all-day sitting of the European federation's disciplinary committee, told its own tale:

★ PAOK Salonika (Greece) fined £2,500 for bottle-throwing by fans in the UEFA Cup-tie against Napoli;

★ Anderlecht (Belgium) fined £2,000 for the "incorrect conduct of fans" at the Cup-winners' Cup tie against Metz;

★ St Patrick's Athletic (Rep.Ireland) fined £1,300 for missile-throwing at their UEFA Cup-tie against Hearts.

Not all the hooliganism this autumn has been restricted to the fist and firework variety.

On Monday, September 26, the board of directors at Ajax resigned because of letter and telephone threats to themselves and their families.

Secretary Jan Neefjes said: "We really do fear for the safety of board members, the technical staff and the players."

The trouble had exploded after Ajax's poor start to the season was followed by the dismissal of coach Kurt Linder.

That same day Swiss police were sorting out their statistics after the worst incident in Basel since England's visit for the 1982 World Cup qualifier.

Some 76 fans were arrested before the top-of-the-table second division match between FC Basel and FC Zurich.

The Zurich hooligans — who apparently included a contingent of two dozen Germans from Duisburg, Dortmund and Ahlen — were afforded most of the blame for attacking ticketless Basel fans waiting outside the St Jakob stadium.

The epicentre of the hooligan hurricane then switched to Greece.

Four policemen were hurt trying to control fighting which broke out on several occasions between rival fans during the match in the Athens Olympic stadium in which Olympiakos went down 1-0 to PAOK of Salonika.

But that was as nothing compared with events on the opening day of the Italian league campaign. It was the first day of rivalry both on the pitch . . . and off it.

Among the most notorious, and intimidating, of the Italian hooligans are those who follow Roma.

Liverpool fans still remember their vicious tactics from the 1984 European cup final. Last season I saw them running violently mad in Milan and they were at it again in Pescara on the opening day of the 1988-89 campaign.

Riot police eventually launched a full-scale charge against the Roma fans after they had been hurling a stream of missiles, including bottles and cans, over the safety fence and onto the pitch.

Six police were among the 30 individuals treated for injuries. Five Roma fans were arrested and later released on bail.

The same day there were also clashes between rival fans at the games in Milan, Ascoli and Pisa.

In Ascoli, where Internazionale won 3-1, groups of fans battled at the end of the match, using stones and bottles as weapons and hitting out in all directions with sticks and lumps of wood.

Around 40 fans were detained by police while another five were taken to hospital, one suffering from a fractured skull after being pushed to the ground and struck with an iron bar.

His name was Nazareno Filippini, he was a sales inspector for a publishing company, and he was due to marry fiancee Elisabetta De Benedictis in Ancona the following Saturday . . .

Meanwhile, back in Milan, Fiorentina fans from Florence were involved in fighting and scuffling with police and another half-dozen fans were treated in hospital for minor injuries.

There was a similar story from Pisa, where Bologna were the visitors.

The same afternoon there was trouble in Spain, as well. Much of the violence was on the pitch, where referees sent off six players (including Real Madrid's Bernd Schuster) and a team doctor and

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PSV LAND ROMARIO

EUROPEAN champions PSV Eindhoven have put last season's title-winning profits to good use — splashing out a Brazilian record £3million on Vasco da Gama striker Romario.

The Brazilian, who was seven-goal top scorer at the Olympic Games in Seoul, had demanded £20,000-a-month to renew his contract with the Rio club and, president Antonio Soares Calcada said: "There was no way we could afford to keep him."

Romario chose PSV in preference to offers from Portugal, Italy and Spain for reasons which rapidly became obvious once they had leaked out.

He receives a £600,000 signing-on fee, plus another £600,000 in pay and benefits which include house, a Porsche car, school tuition for his children and six round-trip air tickets to Rio each year until the expiry of his contract in 1992.

He signed far too late for PSV to line him up in their current Champions' Cup second-round duel with 1987 European title-holders, FC Porto.

Romario Souza de Farias began with Vasco's juniors and was promoted to the first-team squad three years ago. He has made up for his lack of height with his explosive acceleration and made his senior debut for Brazil in 1987.

His rise to stardom was, in fact, delayed. In 1985 he was sacked from Brazil's squad on the eve of departure for the World Youth Cup finals after inviting girls into his hotel room after curfew.

A critical miss by Gary Lineker during England's 0-0 draw with Sweden at Wembley.

ROBSON — GIVE US A BREAK

THERE were World Cup frowns for all four home nations on the same night. England were held goalless at Wembley by Sweden, Scotland were held 1-1 by Yugoslavia at Hampden, Wales were held 2-2 by Finland at Swansea and Northern Ireland went down to a late goal from Istvan Vincze in Hungary.

But was there any defeatist talk ? Certainly not. It is, after all, early days yet in the qualification marathon to reach Italy in 1990.

England manager Bobby Robson said: "We didn't get two points but I think we deserved them. We were the better side.

"I am disappointed but we have not lost the match and we still have more than a year in which to get the points we need. 1

"What we wanted was a lucky break — one to go in off the shin pads. Gary Lineker was below his best but good strikers go through phases.

"As long as they are not afraid to keep missing and keep getting in there, they will come through.

"Gary has not played much football this season because of his illness. But he is mentally strong. I don't want to blame him for our not winning."

As for the personal antipathy evident from some sections of the crowd, Robson told the media: "You generate the hate with your gossip. If that's what you do, that's what you do and I have to suffer it."

Next round in Robson v The Media is on November 16, when England fly to Riyadh to play Saudi Arabia, who have stepped in as opponents where Italy and Morocco had to step out.

CANADA GO OUT

CANADA became the first of the 1986 World Cup finalists to crash out of the 1990 tournament when they lost to Guatamala on the away goals rule in a second round qualifier in the North and Central American section of the draw.

The Canadians appeared to be in the driving seat when they lost only 1-0 in the first leg in Guatemala City on October 10.

A penalty from Byron Perez after 21 minutes was the only advantage Guatemala gained after John Limniatis fouled Adan Paniagua.

Canadian coach Tony Taylor was not too disappointed. He said: "If the crowd gets behind us back in Burnaby it will be a different story.

"The pitch in Guatemala City was extremely large so we weren't able to pressure the Guatemalan players as much as I would have liked."

Back in British Colombia the Canadians were in for a shock. Guatemala sneaked away after only seven minutes to take the lead through Adan Paniagua. When Carlos Castaneda scored another, on the break, eight minutes before half-time the Canadians were apparently dead and buried.

Whatever Taylor said at half-time proved powerful advice. In the 62nd minute Dale Mitchell pulled back one goal. With eight minutes to go he scored again, this time from a penalty after John Fitzgerald was pulled down.

In the 88th minute Canada seized the lead with a header from Ian Bridge. But they still needed to score again, to secure the clear aggregate success they needed, and that proved just too much.

Guatemala thus go on to the final play-off group in which they compete against the United States, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Honduras or Trinidad and Tobago. The United States and El Salvador will probably be the favourites to secure the two places then on offer in Italy.

ARGENTINA

1	GK	Islas, Luis Alberto
2	FB	Aguero, Ruben Jose
3	FW	Aires, Mauro Gabriel
4	FW	Alfaro Moreno, Carlos-Alejandro
5	FB	Boggio, Alberto-Osvaldo
6	LK	Cabrera, Claudio-Martin
7	FW	Comas, Jorge Alberto
8	LK	Diaz, Hernan Edgardo
9	FB	Fabbri, Nestor-Ariel
10	FW	Hernandez, Daniel Anibal
11	LK	Lorenzo, Nestor Gabriel
12	GK	Cancelarich, Fabian Oscar
13	LK	Lucca, Mario Bruno
14	LK	Mayor, Carlos Alberto
15	LK	Monzon, Pedro Damian
16	LK	Perez, Hugo Leonardo
17	FW	Ruidiaz, Alejandro
18	FW	Russo, Alejandro Marcelo
19	LK	Siviski, Dario Andres
Coach	ARG	C. Pachame

AUSTRALIA

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2		Van Egmond, Gary
3	FB	Jennings, Graham
4	FB	Yankos, Charlie
5	FB	Dunn, Robert
6	LK	Wade, Paul
7	FW	Farina, Frank
8	LK	Petersen, Mike
9	FW	Arnold, Graham
10	FW	Kosmina, John
11	LK	Crino, Oscar
12	LK	Davidson, Alan
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14	FB	Hunter, Alan
15	FB	Koczka, Andrew
16	LK	Bozinoski, Vlado
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18	FW	Mitchell, David
19	FW	Ollerenshaw, Scott
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Coach	AUS	Arok, Frank

BRAZIL

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12	GK	Araujo, Jose
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15	FB	Alves, Aloisio
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17	FK	Ferreira, Jose
18	LK	Luiz, Sergio
19	FW	Silva, Jorge
20	FW	Oliveira, Jose
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4	FB	Guo, Jijun
5	FB	Jia, Xiuquan
7	FW	Xie, Yuxin
8	FW	Tang, Yaodong
9	FW	Liu, Haiguang
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14	FW	Huo, Jianting
15	FB	Zhang, Xiaowen
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17	FB	Mai, Chao
18	LK	Duan, Ju
19	FW	Wang, Jun
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Coach	CHN	Gao, Fengwen

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5	FB	Monzon Perez, Victor Hugo
6	FB	Batres-Morales,
7	FW	Castaneda-Mendez,
8	LK	Funes-Hernandez,
9	FW	Paniagua G., Adan Onelio
10	FW	Perez-Solarzano, Byron
11	FW	Delva-Noriega, Norman
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13	LK	Lopez Meneses,
14	FB	Guevara-Cruz, Ottoniel
15	FB	Ortiz Obergon, Alejandro
16	LK	Gardiner Walton,
17	LK	Rodas-Hurtarte,
18	GK	Piccinini A., Ricardo A.
19	LK	Alburez-Suarez,
Coach	GUA	Roldan Popol, Jorge

IRAQ

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5	FB	Mahmood, Samir Shakir
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17	LK	Shahib, Laith M.
18	LK	Swadi, Radhi S.
19	FB	Maghamis, Salam H.
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Coach	IRQ	Dawood Ammanuel B.

ITALY

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3	FW	Carnevale, Andrea
4	FB	De Agostini, Luigi
5	FB	Ferrara, Ciro
6	FB	Tassotti, Mauro
7	LK	Colombo, Angelo
8	FB	Pellegrini, Luca
9	FB	Brambati, Massimo
10	FB	Carobbi, Stefano
11	LK	Crippa, Massimo
12	GK	Giuliani, Giuliano
13	FW	Virdis, Antonio
14	FW	Rizzitelli, Ruggiero
15	LK	Galia, Roberto
16	LK	Iachini, Giuseppe
17	LK	Desideri, Stefano
18	LK	Mauro, Massimo
19	LK	Evani, Alberigo
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Coach	ITA	Rocca, Francesco

NIGERIA

1	GK	Ngodigha, David
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3	FB	Uwe, Andrew
4	FB	Adeshina, Ademola
5	FB	Nwana, Chidi
6	LK	Dairu, Saidi
7	LK	Eguavon, Augustine
8	LK	Okpala, Sylvanus
9	FW	Jorfa, Dominic
10	LK	Okwaraji, Samuel
11	FW	Yekini, Rachidi
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14	LK	Obobaifo, Osaro
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16	FW	Siasia, Samson
17	FW	Dofgbami, Wole
18	LK	Okosieme, Ndubuissi
19	FB	Agada, Jude
20	LK	Nwosu, Henry
Coach	NGR	Hoener, Manfred

SOVIETS WIN GOLD

From IAIN MACLEOD in Seoul

AS THE Soviet Union, 2-1 winners over Brazil after a superb Olympic Games final, emerged with a deserved gold medal for the second time in their history, it was with the uncertain knowledge that a defence of the title was by no means imminent.

FIFA, who had decreed that the competition in 1992 would be restricted to players aged under 23, were surprised to learn that the IOC no longer felt bound by the decision. The IOC now want all professionals to be eligible — a set-up, which is, in fact, tantamount to a repeat of the World Cup finals within an Olympic framework.

FIFA, concerned at the effect this would have on its most prized tournament are in no doubt that, unless the IOC reconsiders its policy, Olympic football may be consigned to the history books. However, the success of the Seoul tournament should lead to some kind of compromise. The seriousness which which the traditional powers approached the Olympics suggests that its demise would leave the governing body less than popular.

The European teams again dominated and only Brazil, silver medalists for the second consecutive Games realistically had a chance of breaking their post-war domination. Attendances were not as high as in Los Angeles four years ago, but with 743,000 spectators registered for the 32 matches, the average gate of just over 23,000 emphasised why the IOC, rather than FIFA, have to find the answer to the Olympic problem.

A considerable number of European coaches made the journey to Seoul and must have been impressed with much of what they witnessed. There were some surprises along the way and, not for the first time Italy was on the receiving end. Having easily beaten Guatemala — who had replaced the disgraced Mexicans — by 5-2, the next match against Zambia was expected to be no more than the means to the quarter-finals. Zambia had shared four goals and the points in their first match with Iraq, but shocked the Italians by the attack-minded approach.

As wave after wave of Zambian attack swept through a defence whch may have been versed in cattenaccio but hardly oozed its better qualities now, it was North Korea all over again but on a more grandiose scale.

Zambia won 4-0 to create the upset of the tournament; Kalusha Bwalya, who plays his football with Cercle Brugge, in Belgium, scored a marvellous hat-trick, the highlight of an African display of verve and flair which left Italy facing an early exit and a barrage of tomatoes.

As Zambia went on to thrash Guatemala 4-0, Italy had to beat Iraq to qualify. The 2-0 victory in a tight, tense affair, salvaged Italian pride — but thoughts of the title seemed optimistic to say the least.

Italy's long-time European rivals West Germany, also discovered that they needed the back-door entrance to the quarter-finals, although in their case failure to qualify was less likely. Indeed the Germans were probably grateful that they did finish in second place, athough at the time they were not to know the manner in which the Zambians were to collapse in the latter stages.

Playing in group A; the Germans earned comfortable victories over Tunisia — who had surprisingly held the Swedes at 2-2 in their opening match — and China, to set up a table-top decider against the fancied Scandinavians. Frank Mill put the Germans ahead after 70 minutes, but lost concentration four minutes later to allow Engqvist to equalise. A draw was sufficient for the Swedes but just to make certain Peter Lonn scored the winner in the 86th minute. Sweden, therefore, qualified to meet Italy who had, by the quarter-final stage shown marked improvement.

Brazil, in Group D, emerged as perhaps the favourites for the title after three impressive performances. Moreover, the star of the tournament, Romario, a forward in the best tradition of Copacabana dominated the goalscoring charts. He scored a hat-trick in the 3-0 defeat of Australia, which came immediately after an even more emphatic 4-0 win against Nigeria, whose recent development at youth level still has to be augmented in the senior ranks.

Yugoslavia, though, were a major disappointment. They got off to a dreadful start when Frank Farina scored Australia's lone goal which created the first shock of the tournament on day two. The Slavs then beat Nigeria 3-1 on the same day Australia lost to Brazil; but, any thoughts of a revival were ended by a 2-1 loss to Brazil, as Australia, despite struggling against Nigeria got the vital goal which took them through by right.

South Korea, whose decision to play Group C in the southern port of Pusan may have seemed like a good idea at the time, soon discovered otherwise. They would have been guaranteed sell-out, 74,000 crowds in Seoul and could have done with some vocal backing when they opened with a defensive performance in the goalless draw against the Soviet Union.

The United States and Argentina also drew, but at least scored one apiece; the US failed to score in their next game, but so, too, did South Korea who were faced with the prospect of beating Argentina to qualify.

The Soviets, capitalising on an eighth minute strike from Dobrolovski beat the South Americans 2-1, and subsequently ended the US challenge when they won the superpower battle 4-2. With three first-half goals the Soviets rarely encountered problems. They had, in Michailichenko one of the best players in the tournament and when he scored his second goal just after the interval to make it 4-0, the difference in class was all too evident. The US still has much to do in the next six years, although late goals on this occasion salvaged some pride.

With the Soviets safely through, the Koreans missed out on a fine opportunity to join them. Needing only a draw to qualify, they succumbed 2-1 to Argentina, who could thank the brace from Moreno for the quarter-final meeting with ancient rivals, Brazil.

That, though, was the end of the road for Argentina. Brazil beat them by a single goal to set up a semi-final clash with West Germany, who had beaten Zambia more easily than anyone had expected. More disciplined than in previous games, the Germans never looked back after Funkel's 18th minute penalty had given them the lead. Jurgen Klinsmann, top scorer in the Bundesliga last season scored twice before the interval and completed his hat-trick in the dying moments of a one-sided tie.

Italy's improvement continued, although they required extra-time to see off Sweden's challenge 2-1, to set up a repeat of their European Championship semi-final against the Soviet Union.

The Soviets brushed aside the Australian challenge, stepping up a gear in the second-half to win 3-0. Michailichenko was twice fouled in the box for penalties converted by Dobrolovski and then scored himself in the 69th minute to clinch the tie.

Both semi-finals went into extra-time and, in the case of West Germany-Brazil, penalties. Normal time ended 1-1 and with an additional 30 minutes failing to produce a result, the Brazilians' collective nerve proved stronger from the penalty spot and won 3-2.

Much the better of the semi-finals was the Italy-Soviet clash which came to life just after half-time when Antonio Virdis headed home a cross from Evani. That was in the 50th minute and for the next half-hour, Italy's defensive resolve was tested to the full. The Soviets, bidding to reach the final for the first time since 1956 never quite got into their stride particularly as midfield star Michailichenko was shackled throughout by Iachini.

However, slackness in the Azzurri defence 12 minutes from the end let Dobrolovski in to square matters and take the match into extra-time.

The Soviets dominated now: Narbekovas scored in the 93rd minute, Italian defender Ferrara was ordered off five minutes later and five minutes after that Michailichenko waltzed through the defence to score from a difficult angle. Carnevalé's last minute goal was no more than a late consolation.

Italy fared even worse in the match against the Germans for the bronze medal; first-half goals from Klinsmann and Kleppinger destroyed morale before Schrier scored a third in the second-half.

The final, between two sides of markedly contrasting styles attracted a capacity crowd of 74,000. They did not leave disappointed as Brazil, showing dazzling skills in attack found their shortcomings at the back finally exposed by the methodical Soviets.

Brazil, though, still must have thought at one stage that they were on the verge of their first major prize since 1970. Indeed, for an hour they led from a simple-tap-in from Romerio after a vicious inswinging corner from Neto was badly misjudged by keeper Kharine until the match turned on a dubious penalty award.

Mikhailichenko, who else, was adjudged to have been fouled by Careca when there seemed no danger, and Dobrolovsky maintained his perfect record from the spot to level the match.

Brazil, however, were to rue numerous missed chances, although Romario, who is best when on his left foot, emphasised his flexibility 12 minutes frm the end when he came close with a fine right-foot shot. Their title aspirations foundered on the failings of full-back Carlos who, in allowing Savitchev to go through failed to stop him by means of a desperate lunge and had to watch frustratingly as the forward coolly lobbed the ball over the keeper.

That may have been the end of the scoring but most certainly not of the drama. In a match contested in fine spirit throughout, there was to be a sour ending as each side suffered the indignity of having a man ordered off: the Soviet, Tatarschuk and Edmar of Brazil.

It was, nonetheless, a useful exercise for both sides, who are, of course in the throes of preparing for an even bigger competition: the 1990 World Cup finals.

It gave the Soviets the success they had just fallen short of in Germany in June; for the Brazilians, to use the words of their coach Carlos Silva, "it gave us a strong base for the 1990 World Cup."

SOUTH KOREA

1	GK	Cho, Byung-Deuk
2	FB	Park, Kyung-Hoon
3	FB	Choi, Kang-Hee
4	FB	Cho, Min-Kook
5	FB	Chung, Yong-Hwan
6	FW	Lee, Tae-Ho
7	LK	Noh, Soo-Jin
8	FW	Chung, Hae-Won
9	FW	Kim, Yong-Se
10	FW	Choi, Sang-Kook
11	FW	Byun, Byung-Joo
12	FB	Kim, Pan-Keun
13	FB	Nam, Ki-Young
14	FW	Choi, Soon-Ho
15	LK	Kim, Chong-Kon
16	LK	Kim, Joo-Sung
17	FB	Ku, Sang-Bum
18	FB	Choi, Yun-Kyum
19	LK	Yeo, Bum-Kyu
20	GK	Kim, Pung-Joo
Coach	KOR	Kim, Chung-Nam

SOVIET UNION

1	GK	Kharine, Dimitri
2	FB	Ketachvili, Guela
3	FB	Skliarov, Igor
4	FB	Cherednik, Alexei
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18	FB	Gorloukovitch, Serguei
19	LK	Savitchev, Iouri
20	LK	Narbekovas, Arminas
Coach	URS	Bychovets, Anatoli

SWEDEN

1	GK	Andersson, Sven
2	DG	Vaattovaara, Sulo
3	DG	Lonn, Peter
4	DF	Arnberg, Goran
5	DF	Nilsson, Roland
6	MF	Thern, Jonas
7	MF	Engqvist, Leif
8	MF	Andersson, Michael
9	MF	Nilsson, Joakim
10	MF	Limpar, Anders
11	FW	Lindman, Hakan
12	GK	Nilsson, Bengt
13	FW	Dahlin, Martin
14	FW	Eskilsson, Hans
15	FW	Hellstrom, Jan
16	DF	Ljung, Roger
17	GK	Eriksson, Lars
18	DF	Svensson, Ola
19	MF	Palmer, Anders
20	MF	Rehn, Stefan
Coach	SWE	Lennartsson, Benny

TUNISIA

1	GK	Couchane, Mohamed Naceur
2	FB	Ouachi, Hachemi
3	FB	Chahat, Abderrzek
4	FB	Mizouri, Imad
5	FB	Ben Neji, Ali
6	LN	Smirani, Adel
7	FW	Limam, Jameleddine
8	LN	Abid, Haythem
9	FW	Yakoubi, Kais
10	LN	Dhiab, Tarek
11	LN	Rouissi, Lotfi
12	LN	Maaloul, Nabil
13	FB	Mheddhebi, Taoufik
14	FB	Mahjoubi, Mohamed
15	FB	Ben Yahia, Khaled
16	FW	Rannene, Morad
17	FB	Bousnina, Noureddine
18	FB	Okbi, Mourad
19	LN	Baouab, Modher
20	GK	Fessi, Slaheddine
Coach	TUN	Ben Miled, Baccar

UNITED STATES

1	GK	Vanole, David
2	FB	Trittschuh, Stephen
3	FB	Doyle, John
4	FB	Crow, Kevin
5	FB	Windischmann, Michael
6	FW	Klopas, Frank
7	LK	Gabarra, James
8	LK	Davis, Richard
9	FW	Goulet, Brent
10	FW	Vermes, Peter
11	FW	Eichmann, Eric
12	FB	Krumpe, Paul
13	LK	Harkes, John
14	LK	Stollmeyer, John
15	LK	Ramos, Tabare
16	LK	Murray, Bruce
17	FB	Armstrong, Desmond
18	GK	Duback, Jeffrey
19	FB	Bliss, Brian
20	FB	Caligiuri, Paul
Coach	USA	Oslander, Lother

WEST GERMANY

1	GK	Reck, Oliver
2	FB	Schulz, Michael
3	LK	Goertz, Armin
4	FB	Funkel, Wolfgang
5	FB	Hoerster, Thomas
6	LK	Janssen, Olaf
7	LK	Bommer, Rudi
8	LK	Fach, Holger
9	FW	Klinsmann, Jurgen
10	Lk	Wuttke, Wolfram
11	FW	Mill, Frank
12	GK	Kamps, Uwe
13	FB	Grahammer, Roland
14	LK	Haessler, Thomas
15	LK	Schreier, Christian
16	FW	Walter, Fritz
17	FB	Sievers, Ralf
18	LK	Kleppinger, Gerhard
19	FW	Riedle, Karlheinz
20	FB	Sauer, Gunnar
Coach	FRG	Loehr, Hannes

YUGOSLAVIA

1	GK	Lekovic, Dragoje
2	FB	Stanojkovic, Vujadin
3	LB	Spasic, Predrag
4	FB	Katanec, Srecko
5	MF	Jozic, Davor
6	LK	Brnovic, Dragoljub
7	MF	Sabanadzovic, Refik
8	LK	Savevski, Toni
9	FB	Barbaric, Ivica
10	MF	Stojkovic, Dragan
11	LK	Milosevic, Cvijan
12	FW	Stojanovic, Stevan
13	FW	Milinkovic, Dusko
14	FW	Suker, Davor
15	FW	Tuce, Semier
16	FW	Djukic, Vladislav
17	FW	Mihic, Mikro
18	LK	Jaksic, Nenad
Coach	YUG	Cabrinovic, Ivan

ZAMBIA

1	GK	Chabla, David
2	FB	Mwanza, Peter
3	FB	Mumba, Edmon
4	FB	Chomba, Samuel
5	FB	Chitalu,James
6	LK	Makina, Derby
7	FW	Bwayla, Johnson
8	LK	Musonda, Charles
9	FW	Chambeshi, Beston
10	FW	Chikabala, Webster
11	FW	Msiska, Lucky
12	FW	Bwalya, Kalusha
13	LK	Mwansa, Simon
14	FB	Chabinga, Manfred
15	FB	Melu, Ashols J.
16	GK	Mwanza, Richeard
17	FW	Mwanza, Pearson
18	FW	Chansa, Wisdom Mumba
19	FW	Nyirenda, Stone
20	FB	Mulenga, Eston
Coach	ZAM	Ndhlovu, Samuel

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THE LAST FOUR SQUADS

USSR

THE MANAGER

Anatoly BISHOVETS. Aged 44. A star forward with Kiev and the Soviet national side in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He played with great success in the 1970 World Cup finals in Mexico. A serious contender to take over both the national team and at Kiev Dynamo considering Valeri Lobanovsky's heart problems. The Olympic success will have done Bishovets's future job prospects no harm at all.

THE SQUAD

Dimitri KHARIN. Goalkeeper. Aged 20 (born August 16, 1968). Moscow Dynamo. The Olympic team keeper and rated one of the best young goalkeepers in Europe. Joined Dynamo during the winter close-season from Torpedo after a row with the Torpedo coach, veteran former international Valentin Ivanov.

Alexei PRUDNIKOV. Goalkeeper. Aged 28 (born March 20, 1960). Moscow Torpedo.

Yevgeny YAROVENKO. Right/centre back. Aged 26 (born August 17, 1962). Kairat Alma Ata.

Gela KETASHVILI. Centre back. Aged 23 (born September 27,1965). Tbilisi Dynamo. One of the new generation of Tbilisi players emerging to replace the old guard such as Chivadze, Sulakvelidze, etc. Only returned to the squad at the last minute after it was thought injury might keep him away from Seoul.

Alexei CHEREDNIK. Left back. Aged 28 (born September 15, 1960). Dnepr. Key member of the first Soviet club to be granted permission, earlier this year, to switch to open, independent professionalism.

Sergei FOKIN. Defender. Aged 27 (born July 26, 1961). TSKA Moscow.

Viktor LOSEV. Defender/midfield. Aged 29 (born January 25, 1959) with three caps. Moscow Dynamo. Captain of the Olympic team. Regular in the Dynamo defence for the past six years. But his national team chances were restricted by the Kiev Block policy.

Arvidas IANONIS. Defender. Aged 27 (born November 6, 1960). Zhalgiris Vilnius.

Sergei GORLUKOVICH. Centre back. Aged 26 (born November 18, 1961). Lokomotiv Moscow. Surprise selection from one of the lesser Moscow clubs who returned to the first division only this year.

Yevgeny KUZNETSOV. Defensive midfield. Aged 27 (born August 30, 1961). Moscow Spartak. No relation to the Kiev player whose European final suspension proved so costly to the Soviets.

Igor PONOMAREV. Midfield. Aged 28 (born February 24, 1960). Nefchi Baku.

Igor DOBROVOLSKY. Midfield. Aged 21 (born August 27, 1967) with five caps. Moscow Dynamo. Star member of the Soviet Olympic team and surprisingly brought to the fringe of the European championship team. Then it was decided to save him as a 'secret weapon' for Seoul, a decision which paid off handsomely. Dobrivolsky was one of the outstanding individuals of the Games football tournament and underlined his superb temperament with the way he took his two penalties in the quarter-final against Australia.

Vadim TISHENKO. Midfield. Aged 25 (born March 24, 1963). Dnepr.

Yuri SAVICHEV. Midfield. Aged 23 (born February 13, 1965). Moscow Torpedo. Twin brother Nikolai, also a Torpedo midfielder, only just missed making the squad.

Igor SKLIAROV. Midfield. Aged 22 (born August 31, 1966). Moscow Dynamo.

Alexei MIKHAILICHENKO. Midfield. Aged 25 (born March 30, 1963) with 12 caps. Kiev. Forced his way into the national team in the second half of the 1986 season with his goals when the World Cup men began to tire and was one of the stars of the Soviet Olympic XI which successfully defended the Nehru Cup at the start of last year in India. Scored several vital goals in the European qualifiers, starred in the European finals and has apparently further extended his reputation with his form at the Olympics. His potential is one of the reasons Kiev felt able to sell Alexander Zavarov to Juventus (another reason, of course, was the £3million fee!).

Vladimir TATARCHUK. Forward. Aged 22 (born April 25, 1966) with one cap. TSKA Moscow (the army team). Spoiled his Olympic campaign in the last few minutes of the final when he was sent off.

Arminas NARBEKOVAS. Striker. Aged 23 (born January 21, 1965). Zhalgiris Vilnius. One of the exciting squad emerging from the fiercely nationalistic Lithuanian club.

Alexander BORODYUK. Forward. Aged 25 (born Nov 30, 1962). Moscow Dynamo.

Vladimir LIUTY. Forward/midfield. Aged 26 (born April 20, 1962). Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk. Another of the Soviet Union's 'new generation' of professional players.

BRAZIL

THE MANAGER

CARLOS ALBERTO SILVA. Aged 48. First appointed manager of Brazil's team for the Olympic Games qualifying tournament being staged in Bolivia in April and May 1987 after the job had been turned down by better-known coaches such as Cilinho, Pepe and Jair Pereira. Carlos Alberto's major coaching success was in guiding Guarani of Campinas to victory in the Brazilian championship in 1978. Later he coached Atletico Mineiro and, most recently, Cruzeiro. He thinks Brazilian football is going through "a terrible crisis," but he also believes it will survive and that 80 per cent of the players of his Olympics squad will be going to Italy for the 1990 World Cup finals. Brazil's success in qualifying for Seoul (they beat hosts Bolivia 2-1 in La Paz in their decisive last match) was the key to Carlos Alberto being appointed full national manager for this year's European tour. Before the Olympics he was thought on the verge of dismissal in favour of Carlos Alberto Parreira.

THE SQUAD

Claudio Andre Mergen TAFFAREL. Goalkeeper. Aged 22 (born May 8, 1966). One of the stars of Brazil's 1985 World Youth Cup-winning side, who defeated Spain 1-0 after extra-time in the final in Moscow. Inter had discovered him, only two years before, keeping goal for a local team in a small town named Crissiumal, some 350 miles from Porto Alegre. His hero was the Uruguayan World Cup goalkeeper, Ladislao Mazurkiewicz, who played in Brazil for many years. Taffarell's arrival allowed Inter to sell Gilmar Rinaldi — Brazil's 1984 Olympic Games keeper — to Sao Paulo FC. Potentially Brazil's finest goalkeeper since the 1958 and 1962 World Cup-winning hero, Gilmar. His saves in the penalty shoot-out against West Germany put Brazil into the Olympic final.

ZE CARLOS — Jose Carlos da Costa Araujo. Goalkeeper. Aged 26. Flamengo, whom he joined three years ago from provincial club Americano of Campos. Brazil's goalkeeper in their successful recent Olympic qualifying campaign in Bolivia.The fact that he plays for Flamengo is a recommendation in itself since he follows in the footsteps of Raul, one of Brazil's most successful goalkeepers of modern times, and Argentina's 1978 World Cup-winner, Ubaldo Fillol.Says he models himself on the Soviet goalkeeper, Rinat Dassayev.

JORGINHO — Jorge de Amorim Campos. Defender. Aged 23. Flamengo. Versatile player who can line up in the centre of defence or at leftback. Joined Flamengo three years ago from Rio de Janeiro rivals, America FC, and was a key figure in Flamengo's Guanabara Cup win — an important feature of the Rio championship — in his first season. One of the leading figures in the Athletes for Christ movement in Brazil.

LUIS CARLOS Winck. Right back. Aged 25 (born Jan 5, 1963). A member of the Brazil squad at the 1984 Olympic Games but played only once, in a 2-0 win over Morocco in the first round. Made up this time around.

Joao Santos BATISTA. Central defender. Aged 24. Atletico Mineiro. Surprise choice for the last European tour after having been overlooked for the 1984 Olympics.

ALOISIO Alves. Defensive midfield. Aged 24. Barcelona (Spain) — who signed him shortly before the Olympic Games from Internacional of Porto Alegre, in a surprise swoop.

RICARDO (I) Raimundo. Centreback. Aged 26 with six full caps. Guarani. One of the stars of the Guarani team which finished runners-up in the 1987 national championship. Originally discovered as a rightback by current national team manager, Carlos Alberto Silva. But he did not make any impression until after volunteering to switch to the centre of defence to help resolve an injury crisis two years ago. Made his intl debut in the 1-1 draw at Wembley when his one mistake — he was caught ball-watching — allowed Gary Lineker to head England in front.

ANDRE CRUZ. Centre back/defensive midfield. Aged 24. Ponte Preta. Newcomer who is already a target for the Italians.

Jorge Silva ANDRADE. Midfield. Aged 28. Roma (Italy) who have just signed him from Flamengo, where he was discovered by the late Claudio Coutinho.

BEBETO — Jose Roberto Gama de Oliveira. Midfield/attack. Aged 25. Flamengo. Nicknamed the 'New Zico' after exploding on the Brazilian scene in 1982 when the real Zico was away helping Brazil prepare for the World Cup in Spain. Has had a few injury problems since but was outstanding when Flamengo won the Rio de Janeiro championship two years ago and was expected to be one of the key men of the 'new' Brazil . . . having made a winning start in the recent Olympic qualifiers. However Bebeto was another victim of the Club v Country row which preceded the last European tour from which he was withdrawn by Flamengo. Keeps sheep and goats as pets at home.

MILTON Sousa. Midfield. Aged 24. Coritiba.

ADEMIR Roque Kaefer. Midfield. Aged 28. Cruzeiro.

GEOVANI Silva. Midfield. Aged 24. Vasco da Gama. For half a dozen years he has been talked of as one of Brazil's outstanding talents. Discovered by Edu, the brother of Zico when coaching at Vasco. Only in these Olympics has he fulfilled that promise after starring in the last Brazil victory in the World Youth Cup. sadly for Brazil he missed the final against the Soviet Union because of injury.

CARECA II — Hamilton de Souza. Midfield. Aged 23. Cruzeiro. No relation to the 'real' Careca, who is now playing centre forward for Napoli. But both could be in Brazil's 1990 World Cup line-up.

NETO — Jose Ferreira. Midfield. Aged 22. Guarani.

EDMAR. Centre forward. Aged 24. Pescara (Italy) — who have just signed him from Corinthians of Sao Paulo as the latest stop in a much-travelled career.

ROMARIO de Souza Faria. Centre forward. Aged 23. PSV Eindhoven — who signed him from Vasco da Gama immediately after the Olympic finals for a Brazilian record £3million. Romario, top scorer with seven goals in Seoul, would have been involved in the 1985 World Youth Cup triumph but was banished from the squad by manager Jair Pereira on the eve of departure for the Soviet Union after being discovered 'entertaining' some girls in his hotel room. His best performance in Seoul was probably against Australia, when he scored a dashing hat-trick in Brazil's 3-0 win.

JOAO PAULO — Sergio Donizete Luis. Winger. Aged 22. Guarani. Fastest left winger in Brazilian football.

WEST GERMANY

THE MANAGER

Johannes (Hans) LÖHR. Aged 48 (born July 5, 1942). Played 381 matches in the Bundesliga for Ktln (scoring 166 goals from left-wing and then midfield) between 1964 and 1978. Lthr played 20 times for West Germany and was a member of the team which beat England in Leon and went on to finish third in the 1970 World Cup in Mexico. Now a staff coach with the DFB — who stands second in line (behind Berti Vogts, the under-21 boss) in succession to Franz Beckenbauer. Olympic victory would do his cause no harm at all — particularly since several first-choice men such as Borowka, Ktpke, Schsfer, Zorc and Eckstein all dropped out injured shortly before departure.

THE SQUAD

Uwe KAMPS. Goalkeeper. Aged 24 (born June 12, 1964). Borussia Mtnchengladbach. Had never played for West Germany at any level before being called into the Olympic squad in emergency only weeks ago after an injury to the first-choice keeper, Nurnberg's Andreas Ktpke.

Oliver RECK. Goalkeeper. Aged 23 (born Feb 27, 1965). Werder Bremen. Joined Bremen from Kickers Offenbach three years, ousted veteran Dieter Burdenski and was Bremen's championship-winning keeper last season.

Wolfgang FUNKEL. Central defender. Aged 30 (born Aug 10, 1958) with two full caps. Bayer Uerdingen — whom he joined four years ago from Rot-Weiss Oberhausen. Has played almost 300 first division matches.

Roland GRAHAMMMER. Defender. Aged 24 (born November 3, 1963). Bayern Munich. Also a B and under-21 international whom Bayern have just signed from Nurnberg in a joint deal (with Stefan Reuter) which cost £1.4million. Rated one of the most promising and effective young defenders in the Bundesliga.

Thomas HÖSTER. Sweeper. Aged 31 (born Nov 27, 1956) with four full caps. Bayer Leverkusen. On the fringe of the senior national squad for several years but now seems to have lost his chance.

Gunnar SAUER. Central defender. Aged 24 (born June 11, 1964). Uncapped. Werder Bremen. One of only two players from the West German champions to have been named in the European finals squad (Borowka was the other) and even then he did not get a game. Sauer joined Bremen in 1979, as a 14-year-old, from youth club SV Cuxhaven.

Armin GÖRTZ. Left back. Aged 29 (both August 30, 1959) with two full caps. Ktln. A sort of West German Stuart Pearce: a raw, late developer called up recently in a surprise move by Beckenbauer. No doubt Gtrtz benefited from Ktln's high-profile revival last season. Much-travelled defender — having played for Eintracht Frankfurt, Borussia Dortmund, Beveren and Waregem in Belgium, and joining Ktln two years ago. A great success in the Olympic qualifying campaign.

Michael SCHULZ. Fullback. Aged 27 (born Sep 3, 1961). Kaiserslauten. Late developer who joined Kaiserslauten only just over year ago from second division VfB Oldenburg. Nicknamed 'the new Briegel'.

Rudi BOMMER. Midfield. Aged 31 (born Aug 19, 1957) with six full caps. Viktoria Aschaffenburg, making Bommer the only second division player in the German Olympic squad. Made his name in the Bundesliga with Kickers Offenbach, Fortuna Dusseldorf and Bayer Uerdingen — from whom he joined Viktoria this summer after they had just regained their place in the second division.

Holger FACH. Sweeper. Aged 26 (born September 6, 1962) with one full cap. Bayer Uerdingen. Jumped the queue of prospective national team sweepers to make his debut in the recent 4-0 victory over Finland in Helsinki with which West German began their 1990 World Cup qualifying campaign. Joined Uerdingen last summer after six years with Fortuna Dusseldorf.

Gerhard KLEPPINGER. Defensive midfield. Aged 30 (born Mar 1, 1958). Bayer Uerdingen. Signed this summer for his sixth first division club after spells with Darmstadt, Hannover, Karlsruhe, Schalke and Borussia Dortmund. Just over 200 Bundesliga matches to his credit.

Thomas HASSLER. Midfield. Aged 22 (born May 30, 1966) with one cap. Ktln. At 5ft 6 one of the smallest players in the Bundesliga. Made his senior debut in the recent 4-0 World Cup win over Finland in Helsinki — when he was one of five Ktln players in Beckenbauer's line-up.

Olaf JANSSEN. Midfield. Aged 22 (born Oct 8, 1966). Ktln. One of the bright new hopes of West German football, whom Ktln signed from Bayer Uerdingen three years ago.

Christian SCHREIER. Midfield. Aged 29 (born Feb 4, 1959) with one full cap. Bayer Leverkusen. Experienced midfielder who helped Leverkusen win the UEFA Cup against Espanol Barcelona last season. Made his name originally with Bochum and joined Leverkusen four years ago at the instigation of master coach Dettmar Cramer.

Ralf SIEVERS. Midfield. Aged 26 (born Oct 30, 1961). Eintracht Frankfurt. Local discovery gaining international recognition for the first time.

Wolfram WUTTKE. Forward. Aged 26 (born November 17, 1961) with three caps. Kaiserslautern. One of the few bright factors of a poor last season for Kaiserslautern, who secured their place in the first division on only the last day. Wuttke joined Kaiserslautern — home club of the great 1950s star Fritz Walter — three years ago after a controversial spell with Hamburg. Played previously for Borussia Mtnchengladbach and was a member of West Germany's European championship squad this past summer. Missed the decisive last penalty in the semi-final shoot-out against Brazil.

Jurgen KLINSMANN. Striker. Aged 24 (born July 30, 1964) with nine caps. Stuttgart. West Germany's major success of the European championship finals and just acclaimed as Footballer of the Year. Klinsmann attributes his sudden improvement this year to the work he has undertaken with his brother, a promising sprinter, to improve his initial acceleration. Klinsmann made his national team debut in the 1-1 draw away to Brazil last December and was the league's top scorer this past season with 19 goals (the lowest-ever 'top' total in the Bundesliga). Joined Stuttgart in 1984, like several of his club and international team-mates, from neighbouring Stuttgart Kickers. Scored a hat-trick in West Germany's 4-0 Olympic quarter-final win over Zambia but was one of the penalty culprits in the semi-final shoot-out defeat by Brazil.

Fritz WALTER. Forward. Aged 28 (born July 21, 1960). Stuttgart. No relation to the 1954 World Cup-winning captain of the same name. Walter was called into the squad at the very last minute because of injury to Dieter Eckstein. Made his name with Waldhof-Mannheim and joined Stuttgart just over a year ago.

Karlheinz RIEDLE. Striker. Aged 23 (born September 16, 1965) with one full cap. Werder Bremen. Scored on his West Germany debut when he collected goal No 4 in the recent World Cup victory over Finland in Helsinki. Riedle entered the game as second half substitute for Eckstein.

Frank MILL. Midfield/forward. Aged 31 (born July 23, 1957) with 13 caps. Borussia Dortmund. Very quick, busy attacker who has not had a lot of luck with injuries. Owed his place in the European finals squad to skipper Klaus Allofs's knee injury. When Beckenbauer named his squad, Mill had not played for the national team since appearing as a substitute for Vtller two years earlier in a 3-1 win over Holland back in May, 1986, in Dortmund. Began with Eintracht Essen, moved as a teenager to neighbours Rot-Weiss, then came to national (and international) prominence with Borussia Mtnchengladback. Joined Dortmund two years ago. Has scored at a rate of almost one goal every two league games. Known for a sharp sense of humour.

ITALY

THE MANAGER

Francesco ROCCA. Aged 34. A fullback who was capped 18 times for Italy before injury halted his career prematurely. Has been a national team coaching aide for 18 months and was appointed to the Olympic side shortly before the departure for Seoul after Dino Zoff — who had guided Italy to the finals — was snapped up by Juventus. Rocca's selection policy has caused some controversy among media and players.

THE SQUAD

Stefano TACCONI. Goalkeeper. Aged 31. Juventus. Full international who has won Champions' and Cup-winners' and World club cups with Juventus. He was reserve to Walter Zenga at the European championships.

Giuliano GIULIANI. Goalkeeper. Aged 30. Napoli — who have just signed him from Verona to replace Claudio Garella (sacked for trying to overthrow the coach last season).

Gianluca PAGLIUCA. Goalkeeper. Aged 21. Sampdoria.

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Mauro TASSOTTI. Defender. Aged 28. Milan. League championship-winner last season with Gullit and Co.

Luigi DE AGOSTINI. Defender/midfield. Aged 27. Juventus. Another of the Italian squad at the European finals where he scored within a minute of coming on as a substitute in the first round match against Denmark.

Roberto CRAVERO. Fullback. Aged 24. Torino. The one uncapped member of the Italians' European championship squad for which he has a late selection because of injuries to other players.

Massimo BRAMBATI. Defender. Aged 22. Torino. Switched to centre back in emergency at the Olympics for the third place match after Ferrara was sent off in the semi-final defeat by the Soviet Union.

Ciro FERRARA. Defender. Aged 21. Napoli. Rated one of the finest young defenders in Italian football — says that is because he plays BEHIND Maradona and Careca rather than against them. Sent off in the Olympic semi-final defeat by the Soviet Union.

Stefano CAROBBI. Left back. Aged 24. Fiorentina.

Luca PELLEGRINI. Defender. Aged 25. Sampdoria.

Roberto GALIA. Right back or midfield. Aged 25. Juventus — where he is still rated only a reserve to the likes of Zavarov and Co.

Stefano DESIDERI. Midfield. Aged 23. Roma.

Giuseppe IACHINI. Midfield. Aged 24. Verona.

Alberigo EVANI. Midfield. Aged 25. Milan. Considered one of the most under-rated members of Milan's championship-winning team last season, doing an awful lot of the hard work for Gullit and Van Basten and Virdis.

Mauro TASSOTTI. Midfield. Aged 28. Milan. Called up late into the Olympic squad after Napoli's Francescoi Romano broke a leg in the UEFA Cup first round first leg against PAOK of Salonika. Joined Milan eight years ago from Lazio.

Angelo COLOMBO. Midfield. Aged 27. Milan.

Massimo MAURO. Midfield. Aged 26. Juventus. Juve paid around £2.5million to sign him from Udinese in 1985 but he has yet to display the consistency they expected from the man who was expected to fill the Platini gap.

Andrea CARNEVALE. Centre forward. Aged 27. Napoli. Has kept his reputation and his nose for a goal even though it looked as if he would be pushed out of the limelight when Napoli signed Careca last year. Scored the first goal in these Olympic finals — in the third minute against Guatemala.

VIRDIS . . . on target for Italy as well as Milan.

Ruggiero RIZZITELLI. Centre forward. Aged 21. Roma. They paid £3.5million to sign him this summer after one season in the first division with Cesena. Virtually the first thing coach Nils Liedholm did in pre-season games was to drop him from the first team but when he was recalled he hit an Italian cup hat-trick against Piacenza. Another member of Italy's European semi-finals squad.

Antonio Pietro Paolo VIRDIS. Striker. Aged 31 (born June 26, 1957). An under-21 and B international. Now coming towards the end of a long, chequered — goal-scoring — career. Began with fourth division Nuorese in 1973-74 and was immediately picked up by the Sardianian club, Cagliari. He spent three years there, scoring 18 goals in 33 games in the second division in the 1976-77 season to earn a big-money transfer to Juventus — who preferred Virdis to Paolo Rossi. Virdis spent five years with Juve, one back on loan to Cagliari, but was sold to Udinese when they eventually bought Rossi too. In 1984 he joined Milan for what has proved the most settled and fruitful stage of his career. He was expected to be surplus to requirements last season after the signing of Van Basten. But the Dutchman's injury gave him new hope and he was Milan's top scorer with 11 goals — including two of the most important of his career, in the 3-2 away win over Napoli which proved decisive as Milan overtook Maradona and Co on the title run-in.

BWALYA IS HOT STUFF

He could be the hottest player out of Africa since the great Eusebio back in the 60s. Young, powerful, unnaturally gifted, a lethal finisher who brought Italy to its knees in the Seoul Olympic Games.

That is Kalusha Bwalya, 25, Zambia's top player and skipper of Belgian first divisiofn side Cercle Brugge. Bwalya, signed on by Brugge for a giveaway £15,000 from Mufulira Wanderers in January 1986, had European mangers fingering their cheque books after leading a remarkable Zambian challenge for soccer gold.

He netted six goals in four matches, including a superb hat-trick in Zambia's shock 4-0 destruction of Italy — the biggest upset of the 16-nation tournament — and by the quarter-final stage was the event's top scorer.

Within days of his demolition job on the Italians, Italian journalists were flying into the heart of Africa and flocking to his parents' home in Mufulira, northern Zambia, to find out what kind of matrix he had been fashioned out of.

Bwalya took it all in his stride as he relaxed in Brugges after returning from South Korea, saying modestly: "I think I worked hard. There was a lot of pressure on me but I managed to take it."

Tandem

Playing in tandem with Anderlecht's wily little Charles Musonda in the Zambian midfield, Bwalya began his Olympic act with a brilliant solo goal against Arab champions Iraq on the opening day of the Games, in group B.

Zambia had fallen behind to a penalty in the 36th minute, levelled through another Belgian-domiciled professional, Stone Nyirenda, on the stroke of half-time, and taken the lead through Bwalya's goal in the 56th minute. But Iraq had battled back with a late equaliser to force a 2-2 draw.

Then came the Italians, highly regarded among the fvourites and boasting a libero in Roberto Cravero whom some estimated to be worth £5 million. Forty minutes of flowing action on both sides had produced no goals when Musonda released Bwalya on the left. Bwalya outraced two defenders and slammed in a left-footer from an acute angle. The angle was tighter in the 55th minute when the young African curled a free-kick in with his magic left foot; squeezing the ball in between a two-man wall and the near post.

Scheming

After the pint-sized Johnson Bwalya (no relation to Kalusha) had increased the tally to three in the 63rd minute, Bwalya applied the coup de grace with another stupendous individual effort after being set up by the scheming Musonda.

To prove that his performance against Italy was no fluke, Bwalya hit another two against Guatemala in another 4-0 Zambian rout.

The West Germans, none the wiser after watching Bwalya, had to deploy up to three defenders at a time to stifle the Zambian in their quarter-final clash. it worked and the African succumbed 4-0. But Bwalya's tally of six goals in four matches was only surpassed at the end of the tournament by tiny Brazilian Romario's seven — chalked up in six games.

First capped for Zambia in October 1983, at the age of 20, Kalusha ahs one of the most cultured left foots in the game. He pops up all over the field, directing play and tormenting defenders with uncanny dribbling and poignant dashes on the left wing.

Together with Musonda, who was transferred from Brugge to Anderlecht last season, Bwalaya hopes to steer Zambia to the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy — despite their draw in the most formidable qualifying group. Rivals Morocco, Zaire and Tunisia are all past World Cup finalists.

SEOUL 1988 DETAILS

서울올림픽대회 GAMES OF THE XXIVTH OLYMPIAD JEUX DE LA XXIVEME OLYMPIADE

Group A

Sep 17 — Pusan
China 0
West Germany 3 (Wuttke 31, Mill 60, 89)

Sep 17 — Taegu
Sweden 2 (Thern 44, Hellstrtm 45)
Tunisia 2 (Tarek Dhiab 15, Nabil Maloul 43pen)

Sep 19 — Pusan
Tunisia 1 (Nabil Maaloul 27 pen)
West Germany 4 (Grahammer 4, Fach 50, Mill 55, Wuttke 75 pen)

Sep 19 — Taegu
Sweden 2 (Peter Lonn 18, Hellstrtm 41)
China 0

Sep 21 — Pusan
Tunisia 0
China 0

Sep 21 — Taegu
Sweden 2 (Engqvist 73, Lonn 85)
West Germany 1 (Walter 70)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	3	2	1	0	6	3	5
West Germany	3	2	0	1	8	3	4
Tunisia	3	0	2	1	3	6	2
China	3	0	1	2	0	5	1

Group B

Sep 17 — Taejon
Zambia 2 (Nyirenda 44, Kalusha Bwalya 66)
Iraq 2 (Ahmed Radhi 36pen, Karim Alawi 71)

Sep 17 — Kwangju
Italy 5 (Carnevale 3, Evani 12, Virdis 34, Ferrara 38, Desideri 75)
Guatemala 2 (Castaneda Mendez 7, Onelio Paniagua 79)

Sep 19 — Taejon
Iraq 3 (Ahmed Radhi 57, Mudhafar Taufek 67, Batres Morales og 71)
Guatemala 0

Sep 19 — Kwangju
Zambia 4 (Kalusha Bwalya 40, 55, 90, Johnson Bwalya 63)
Italy 0

Sep 21 — Kwangju
Zambia 4 (Makinka 53, 84, Kalusha Bwalya 79pen, 82)
Guatemala 0

Sep 21 — Seoul/Dongdaemon
Iraq 0
Italy 2 (Rizzitelli 58, Mauro 63)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Zambia	3	2	1	0	10	2	5
Italy	3	2	0	1	7	6	4
Iraq	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Guatemala	3	0	0	3	2	12	0

Group C

Sep 18 — Pusan
South Korea 0
Soviet Union 0

Sep 18 — Taegu
United States 1 (Windischmann 78)
Argentina 1 (Alfaro Moreno 83 pen)

Sep 20 — Pusan
South Korea 0
United States 0

Sep 20 — Taegu
Soviet Union 2 (Dobrovolski 7, Mikhailichenko 22)
Argentina 1 (Alfaro Moreno 78pen)

Sep 22 — Pusan
South Korea 1 (Noh Soo-jin 14)
Argentina 2 (Alfaro Moreno 3, Fabbri 73)

Sep 22 — Taegu
Soviet Union 4 (Mikhailichenko 6, 47, Narbekovas 18, Dobrovolski 44pen)
United States 2 (Goulet 65, Doyle 84)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Soviet Union	3	2	1	0	6	3	5
Argentina	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
South Korea	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
United States	3	0	2	1	3	5	2

Group D

Sep 18 — Taejon
Brazil 4 (Edmar 59, Romario 74, 84, Oliveira 85)
Nigeria 0

Sep 18 — Kwangju
Australia 1 (Farina 50)
Yugoslavia 0

Sep 20 — Pusan
Yugoslavia 3 (Stojkovic 35pen, 67, Sabanadzovic 49)
Nigeria 1 (Yekini 88)

Sep 20 — Seoul/Dongdaemon
Australia 0
Brazil 3 (Romario 19, 56, 59)

Sep 22 — Taejon
Yugoslavia 1 (Sabanadzovic 69)
Brazil 2 (Andre Cruz 25, Oliveira 56)

Sep 22 — Seoul/Dongdaemon
Australia 1 (Kosmina 76)
Nigeria 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	3	3	0	0	9	1	6
Australia	3	2	0	1	2	3	4
Yugoslavia	3	1	0	2	4	4	2
Nigeria	3	0	0	3	1	8	0

Quarter-finals

Sep 25 — Taegu
Sweden 1 (Hellstrom 85)
Italy 2 (Virdis 50, Arnberg og 98)
HT: 0-0. **90min:** 1-1. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Biguet (Fr)
After extra time
Sweden: S.Andersson — R.Nilsson, Ljung, Lonn, Arnberg, Thern, Limpar (Eskilsson 24), Engqvist, Hellstrom, M.Andersson, J.Nilsson (Dahlin 73).
Italy: Tacconi — Brambati, De Agostini, Tassotti, Ferrara, Iachini, Mauro, Crippa, Virdis, Evani (Colombo 73), Rizzitelli (Carnevale 81).

Sep 25 — Kwangju
Zambia 0
West Germany 4 (Funkel 18pen, Klinsmann 34, 43, 89)
HT: 0-3. **Att:** 8,200. **Ref:** Jesus Diaz (Col)
Zambia: Chabala — Chabinga, Melu, Chomba, Mumba — Makinka, J.Bwalya (Mwanza 55), Musonda, K.Bwalya — Chansa, Nyirenda (Msiska 55).
W.Germany: Kamps — Schulz, Funkel, Horster, Gortz — Fach, Grahammer, Hassler (Janssen 79), Wuttke — Klinsmann, Riedle (Kleppinger 76).

Sep 25 — Pusan
Soviet Union 3 (Dobrovolski 50pen, 54pen, Mikhailichenko 62)
Australia 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Cardellino (Uru)
Sov.Union: Kharin — Ketashvili, Cherednik (Fokon 73), Gorlukovich, Losev, Kuznetsov, Dobrovolski, Mikhailichenko, Tatarchuk (Sklyiarov 68), Liuti, Narbekovas.
Australia: Olver — Van Egmond, Jennings, Yankos, Dunn, Wade, Davidson, Crino, Farina, Mitchell, Graham.

Sep 25 — Seoul/Dongdaemon
Brazil 1 (Geovani 76)
Argentina 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 21,857. **Ref:** Rothlisberger (Swz)
Brazil: Taffarel — Luiz Carlos, Andre Cruz, Aloisio, Jorginho — Anrdade, Milton (Careca II 65), Geovani, Ademir — Bebeto, Romario.
Argentina: Islas — Loreenzo, Lucca, Aguero, Fabbri (Mayor 65) — Hernan Diaz, Perez (Russo 79), Siviski, Airez — Moreno, Comas.

Semi-finals

Sep 27 — Pusan
Soviet Union 3 (Dobrovolski 78, Narbekovas 93, Mikhailichenko 107)
Italy 2 (Virdis 50, Carnevale 119)
HT: 0-0. **90min:** 1-1. **Att:** 10,000.
Ref: Al Sharif (Syr)
After extra time
Sov.Union: Kharin — Ketashvili, Cherednik (Yarovenko 46), Gorlukovich, Losev, Kuznetsov, Dobrovolski, Mikhailichenko, Tatarchuk (Savichev 70), Liuti, Narbekovas.
Italy: Tacconi — Brambati, Carobbi, Tassotti, Ferrara*, Iachini, Mauro, Crippa, Virdis, Evani (Desideri 70), Rizzitelli (Carnevale 88).
*Ferrara sent off, 97min.

Sep 27 — Seoul/Olympic
Brazil 1 (Romario 80)
West Germany 1 (Fach 51)
HT: 0-0. **90min:** 1-1. **Att:** 55,000.
Ref: Hackett (Eng)
Brazil 3-2 on pens after extra time
Brazil: Taffarel — Luiz Carlos, Andre Cruz, Aloisio, Jorginho — Andrade, Careca II, Geovani, Ademir (Milton 73) — Bebeto (Joao Paulo 63), Romario.
W.Germany: Kamps — Schulz, Funkel, Horster, Gortz (Kleppinger 96) — Fach, Grahammer, Hassler, Wuttke — Klinsmann, Mill (Janssen 107).
Penalty sequence (W.Germany first): Janssen shot saved, Joao Paulo scores, 0-1; Klinsmann hits post, Luiz Carlos scores, 0-2; Kleppinger scores, Romario scores 1-3; Fach scores, Andre Cruz saved 2-3; Wuttke saved.

Third place play-off

Sep 30 — Seoul/Olympic
West Germany 3 (Klinsmann 6, Kleppinger 17, Schreier 70)
Italy 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Loustau (Arg)
W.Germany: Kamps — Schulz, Funkel, Horster, Sievers (Bommer 86) — Kleppinger, Grahammer, Hassler, Wuttke (Schreier 63) — Klinsmann, Mill.
Italy: Tacconi — Galia, Carobbi, Tassotti, Brambati, Crippa, Mauro, Colombo, Carnevale, De Agostini, Virdis (Rizzitelli 59).

Final

Oct 1 — Seoul/Olympic
Soviet Union 2 (Dobrovolski 62pen, Savichev 104)
Brazil 1 (Romario 30)
HT: 0-1. **90min:** 1-1. **Att:** 73,000.
Ref: Biguet (Fr)
After extra time
Sov.Union: Kharin — Ketashvili, Yarovenko, Gorlukovich, Losev, Kuznetsov, Dobrovolski, Mikhailichenko, *Tatarchuk, Liuti (Skliyarov 116), Narbekovas (Savichev 46).
*Tatarchuk sent off, 110min.
Brazil: Taffarel — Luiz Carlos, Andre Cruz, Aloisio, Jorginho — Andrade, Milton, Neto (*Edmar 74), Careca II — Bebeto (Joao Paulo 75), Romario.
*Edmar sent off, 118min.

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booked another 65 players in first and second division games. But there trouble off the park, as well.

In Malaga, where two home players (plus their doctor) were sent off in a 2-1 defeat by Atletico Madrid, referee Raul Garcia de Loza needed a police escort right up until he boarded the aircraft taking him home.

In the second division, there was trouble at the match beteween Mollerusa and Tenerife in the town near Lerida in eastern Spain.

Referee Panadero Martinez infuriated the Mollerusa fans in the first half by refusing an obvious penalty then disallowed a home goal for a minor infringement.

In the 68th minute, with Mollerusa now losing 1-0, he allowed an equaliser by Lara . . . then changed his mind and ordered a free kick to Tenerife because the linesman had seen someone offside.

The linesman was then flattened by a missile thrown from the crowd and the referee abandoned the game.

But it was not until 9.30 in the evening that the guardia civil felt the waiting fans' fury had abated sufficiently for them to be able to guarantee Martinez safe passage out of town.

At least in the case of the trouble in Spain one could say that the incidents were provoked by events on the pitch.

The hooligan violence in Italy was a different matter.

Milan president Silvio Berlusconi responded to the trouble at the match against Fiorentina by announcing that no tickets would be sold in future to visiting fans.

But that was not as impressive a gesture as it appeared. World Cup redevelopment work at the Stadio Meazza means capacity has been cut for the time being to 66,443 — and Milan had already sold a remarkable 65,114 season tickets!

I reported in depth last season on the trouble at Milan when Roma were the visitors and goalkeeper Franco Tancredi was very nearly killed by the double-impact of two firecrackers thrown from the crowd.

Very little had been done, in the wake of that incident, to tighten up on hooliganism — much to the concern of World Cup organising committee president Luca Montezemolo, who worries that each new outbreak of trouble will drain enthusiasm for his project both from the public and from industry.

Now his concerns were joined by those of the presidents of the major clubs who suddenly realised that, if some action were not taken quickly, they would not recover through ticket sales all the millions spent on bringing new foreigners into Serie A.

What was outrageous about the situation in Italy was that almost a month before the start of the league campaign, federation president Antonio Matarrese announced a string of measures which were expected to crack down on trouble and trouble-makers.

Matarrese met the Interior Minister and passed on to the police a huge dossier about known trouble-makers, their haunts and their habits. He had to admit less success on other fronts.

After the Tancredi incident it had been decided that all stadia in the first and second divisions with capacity of 30,000 or more should have a close-circuit crowd control camera unit.

The deadline for installation was the end of this year. But Matarrese had to admit that only a handful of stadia — the prospective World Cup Final venue, the Olympic stadium in Rome, NOT among them — were thus equipped.

The federation have provided grants totalling £150,000 to clubs to fit new, close-mesh, anti-missile net fences. But this had been counter-productive as well.

The original fence put in for the new season in Milan was excellent at containing missiles.

The trouble was, the mesh was so fine that fans could not properly see through it to watch the game!

Materrese's meeting with the government and police did at least establish a standing committee to monitor crowd control progress.

But the issues of responsibility for security in roads leading to stadia was left vague and Matarrese could not extract any further promises about the provision of more police — both uniformed as deterrent and plain-clothed as detection — in the stadia.

All in all, hardly surprising that trouble should have erupted so uncontrollably. And fatally.

On Sunday, October 16, mass police presence at matches in both the first and second divisions meant there were no serious incidents recorded anywhere.

Too late, for Nazzareno Filippini. The following day the Ascoli fan died in hospital as a result of the head injuries he had suffered eight days earlier in clashes between Ascoli and Inter fans.

Surgeons had carried out two emergency skull operations but his heart could not withstand the trauma.

That night the director of public order, Gustavo Cappuccio, announced that two men had been arrested and would be charged with

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LARISSA PENALTY REVOLT

TANCREDI 'DIES' AFTER EXPLOSION

Fillipini's death — remarkably, only the third direct fatality of soccer crowd violence in Italy.

That same day the Heysel stadium case had opened in Brussels, in apparent chaos.

As proceedings opened so two of the accused 26 Liverpool fans were still outside the court, being bodysearched. On top of that, two more defendants were still held in custody in Britain on separate charges.

Then, in the afternoon, Judge Pierre Verlynde halted the case after telling defence lawyer Serge Moureau to conclude his submissions over the defendants' rights to view the evidence against them.

When Moureau refused to be silenced the judge walked out, then returned briefly to adjourn for the day.

What is the Heysel case about? Not only hooliganism, that's for sure.

Amid all the fuss and counter-fuss over the way the Liverpool fans arrested were hunted by video, it has almost been forgotten that representatives of police, the Belgian federation and UEFA are charged.

Whatever judgments may eventually be handed down — around Christmas time it the estimate — will almost certainly impose significant legal obligations on football authorities throughout Europe.

The simple facts are well-known. On May 29, 1985, at the Heysel stadium in Brussels, rioting on the terraces resulted in the deaths of 39 fans, almost all Italian. Another 450 people were injured.

Liverpool and Juventus fans had been standing next to one another with a flimsy little chicken-wire fence inbetween.

With the help of photographs and video film, investigators identified 26 Liverpool fans who were accused of having started the trouble and were subsequently charged with manslaughter "by premeditated assault and battery."

The Liverpool 26 were extradited to Belgium in September last year, held initially in jail, then released on bail of £3,000 each. If found guilty, they could be sentenced to ten years' each in prison.

Also standing trial are Albert Roossens, former secretary-general of the Belgian federation, and two state police officers who were in charge of maintaining order in the stadium — Major Michel Kensier and Captain Johan Mahieu.

In court as the trial got under way were UEFA president Jacques Georges and general secretary Hans Bangerter, as well as the mayor of Brussels and his deputy — all of them indicted in the civil suit which covers more than 1,400 claims.

Much of the early legal argument was expected to centre on the video tapes.

Sir Harry Livermore, acting for most of the Liverpool fans, claimed they had been cut and pasted together in such a way as to invalidate them as a full and proper record of events.

He also protested at the use of the term 'hooligan' in the Belgian media, saying: "The defendants have not been convicted and as long as that is the case they cannot be called hooligans."

ITALY: THE RISK FACTOR

1979: In Rome, on October 28, an hour before the start of the derby between Roma and Lazio, a firework set off on the south curve of the Stadio Olimpico struck a Lazio fan, Vincenzo Paparelli, in the eye as he waited among Lazio fans at the opposite end of the ground. He died on the way hospital. Roma fans Giovanni Fiorillo and Marco Angelini were imprisoned for six and ten years respectively.

1981: In Turin, on September 30, after a Champions' Cup-tie in which Juventus beat Celtic 2-0, three Scottish fans were set on and knifed by Italians.

1983: In Turin, on January 30, and the end of a league match between Juventus and Verona, fighting broke out between rivals gangs. There were 45 arrests and as many injured. Most seriously hurt was a Verona fan, Franco Nerozzi, who suffered six major knife wounds to face and body . . . in Rome, on March 6, a group of Roma fans set upon a 21-year-old sailor, Cosimo Di Maglie, beating him so badly he suffered a punctured lung . . . in Verona, on March 13, several hours before the start of a league game between Verona and Udinese, fighting between rival 'ultras' left two students from Udine so badly injured that Leo Barberino spent two weeks in hospital and Gianni Giorgano ten days . . . in Perugia, on April 24, during a game between Perugia and Milan, a Milan graduate, Carlo Giacominelli, attacked a rival fan with a knife and was arrested and jailed for attempted murder . . . in Parma, on July 1, during a local tournament fighting broke out between fans during which Stefano Vezzani, 17, suffered head injuries from which he died in hospital two hours later . . . in Milan, on December 7, fighting broke out at the end of a UEFA Cup match between Internazionale and FK Austria, in which an Austrian, Gerhard Wanninger, suffered serious knife wounds. Two men, Franco Caravita and Massimo Marmi, were jailed for the attack — wrongly, as it turned out, after a later confession by Rodolfo Ratti.

1984: In Milan, on October 1, at the end of a game between Milan and Cremonese, a Milan fan from Cremona, Marco Fonghessi, was knifed in the heart and died almost instantly.

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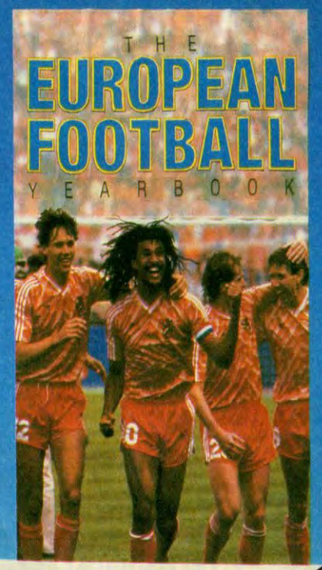

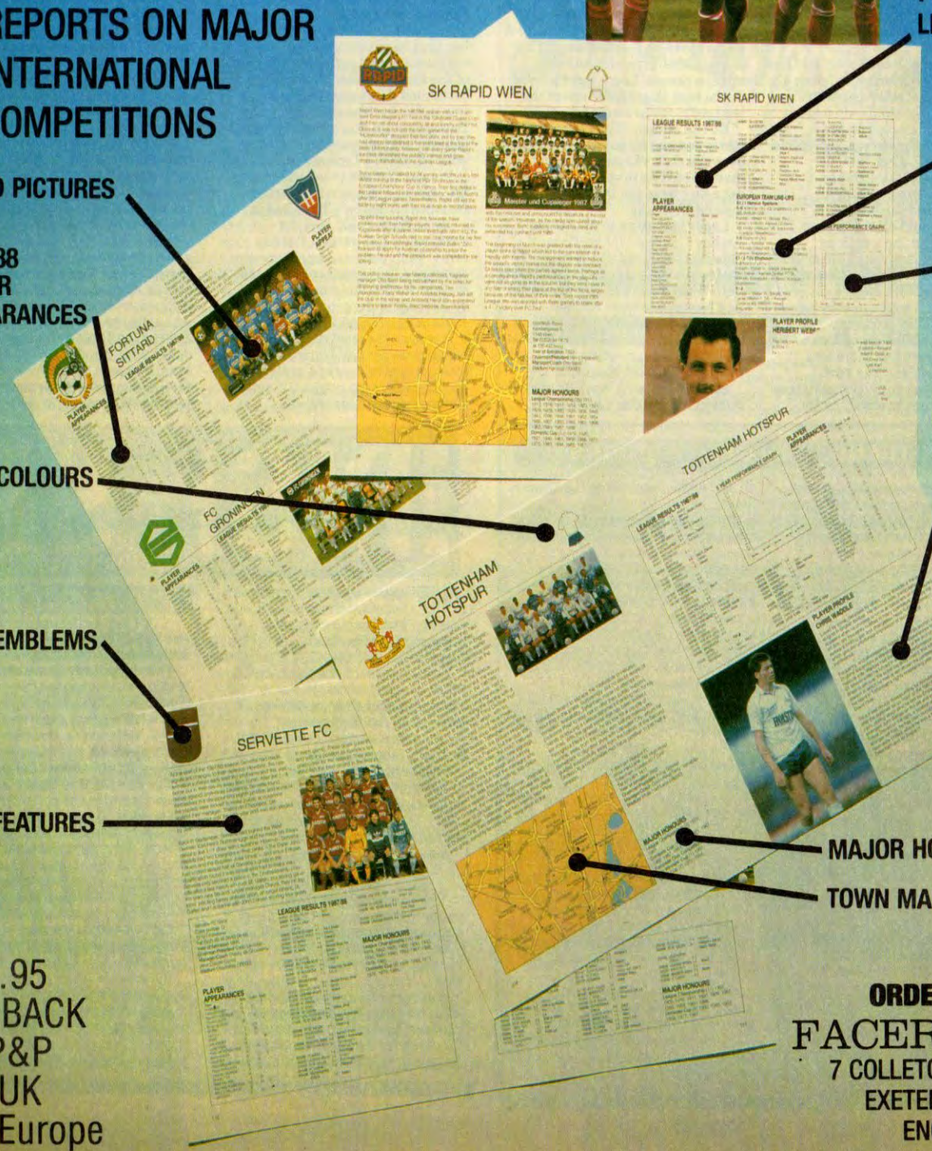

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ENGLAND. . . by DERICK ALLSOP

NORWICH CITY were top of the First Division, followed by Millwall and Coventry City, but in other respects things were returning to normal. The managerial roundabout was back in action and Ian Rush finally discovered the way to goal again.

English football's early season exchanges had thrown up issues of controversy and debate, surprise and intrigue. But few could have anticipated Rush's barren comeback for Liverpool.

The Welsh international striker, bought back from Juventus for £2.8 million, would surely, we thought, recapture his lethal goalscoring form after that frustrating year in Italy.

Yet he had reached the 73rd minute of his tenth game with Liverpool Part Two before he was able to hit the target and release some of the inevitable pressure.

Rush scored in the 3-1 Littlewoods Cup second round, second leg, victory at Second Division Walsall, which gave Liverpool a 4-1 aggregate success following two successive league defeats.

The return of Rush to Anfield has given manager Kenny Dalglish a two-from-three selection dilemma. Last season, the John Aldridge-Peter Beardsley combination settled into a consistently effective strike-force.

This season, Dalglish has switched his front men in an attempt to find the best partnership and all three have served time on the sidelines. Beardsley began to sparkle again and gradually Aldridge became the man squeezed out. Rush's breakthrough goal can only have eased Dalglish's problem.

Rush said: "Obviously I was pleased to score but there was never any panic on my part."

Dalglish was equally dismissive: "There was never anything to worry about over Rush not scoring."

But then they would say that, wouldn't they?

The big shock of the Littlewoods Cup second round was provided by Fourth Division Tranmere Rovers, who beat First Division Middlesbrough 1-0. This scoreline actually flatters Boro, who were run off their feet in the decisive second leg at Prenton Park.

Three other Fourth Division clubs went through at the expense of teams from Division Two. Scunthorpe United beat Chelsea, Scarborough put out Portsmouth and Leyton Orient disposed of Stoke City.

Third Division Blackpool survived extra-time in the second leg at Hillsborough to eliminate Sheffield Wednesday of the First. It was the completion of an eventful week for the Yorkshire club. Manager Howard Wilkinson ended five years in charge at Wednesday and signed a five-year contract with Leeds United, the Second Division club still striving for past glories, who sacked former captain Billy Bremner.

Leeds' ambition and potential convinced 44-year-old Wilkinson it was a move he had to make: "This is a one-club city with half a million people. Leeds have proved in the past they can be one of the leading clubs in Europe."

But he added: "The shadow of the Revie era has for too long been cast over the club. No team can live on memories. The first job is to try to get away from the bottom of the Second Division."

Leeds had attempted to prise Arthur Cox from Derby County. Newcastle United also tried for their ex-boss after parting company with Willie McFaul. Both Leeds and Newcastle were refused permission to speak to Cox, much to his displeasure. So much so that he demanded a meeting with chairman Robert Maxwell.

Second Division West Bromwich Albion turned down a bid by Atletico Madrid for former Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson and, initially, the man with a love of the sun was not too dismayed. But when the Spaniards came in again with an offer of around £500,000 for two seasons — plus £70,000 for West Bromwich by way of compensation — Big Ron was hardly going to be held back. "It was an offer I simply couldn't refuse," he said.

There may be no lure of Europe, but that hasn't stifled the enthusiasm and activity at the top of the First Division. Norwich reclaimed the leadership with a 1-0 win at Derby. The goal came from Derby captain Mark Wright, who a minute later was sent off along with Norwich's Trevor Putney.

Wright decided to take the law into his own hands when Putney stamped on Derby's Ted McMinn in a tussle for the ball. Wright charged up and pushed Putney away. Both players were correctly dismissed for violent conduct and Wright further disgraced himself by hurling to the ground his captain's armband.

It wasn't the most distinguished of matches, though Norwich at least gave glimpses of a style that should earn them respect, if not the Championship, this season.

They took advantage of Millwall's inactivity to go top. The First Division's newcomers have arrived in spectacular fashion and took pole position the week before with a 3-2 home win against Queen's Park Rangers.

Millwall's success inevitably thrust into the limelight some of their better players. Big striker Tony Cascarino has long had his admirers and there have also been frequent scouting reports on Brian Horne, Teddy Sheringham and Alan McLeary.

Crisis

But manager John Docherty said: "I am not interested in selling my players. I am sure they can be as successful here as elsewhere. We can develop into an outfit to challenge the big clubs."

While Rush helped lift a little gloom from the Liverpool camp, Tony Cottee played a significant part in stopping talk of a crisis for Colin Harvey and Everton. After an explosive start to the season, Everton suffered three league defeats and tumbled down the table. Some of the natives became restless, some of the tabloids hysterical.

For the home match against Southampton, manager Harvey shuffled his pack. Captain Kevin Ratcliffe, recovered from injury, was brought in for his first senior match in nine months. Dave Watson was back alongside him at the heart of the defence, Ian Snodin was switched to right-back and Trevor Steven recalled to the flank.

Harvey said: "I feel we have had a problem in the middle of the defence. Even though Kevin is not match fit his determination and character will rub off on everybody else and settle the side down."

Harvey's cause wasn't helped by a Southampton goal in the first minute but a stunning equaliser by Cottee changed the course of the match. Watson, Cottee again, and Steven steered Everton to a stirring 4-1 victory and zipped the lips of the Harvey critics.

Southampton started the season well but began to find themselves in the headlines for less satisfying reasons. Their midfield player Glenn Cockerill had his jaw broken in an off-the-ball incident with Arsenal's Paul Davis.

Television captured the incident and the FA responded with a severe penalty. Davis was banned for nine matches and fined £3,000. His subsequent appeal was rejected.

Davis went into temporary exile with a match-winning performance for Arsenal against Manchester United in the Mercantile Credit Football League Centenary Trophy final at Villa Park. Davis scored the first and created the second in the 2-1 triumph.

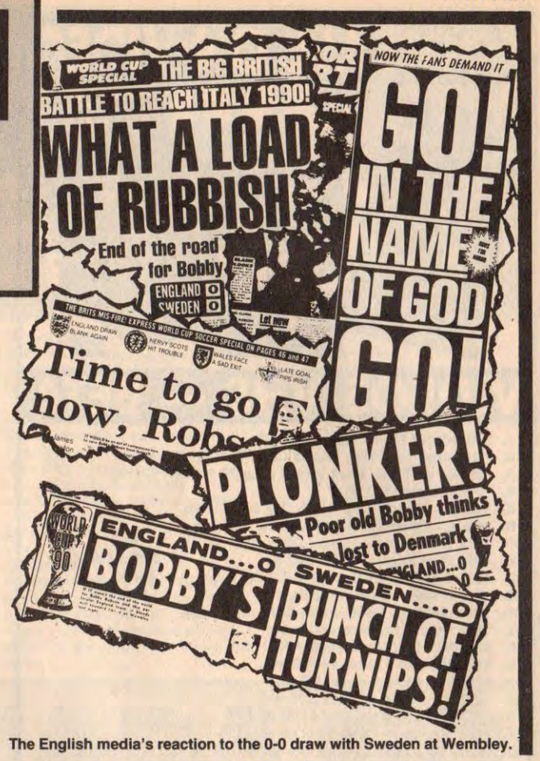
England manager Bobby Robson could afford to leave Davis out of his plans for the World Cup qualifying match against Sweden at Wembley, but included central defender Terry Butcher despite another brush with the law. The Rangers captain was the subject of investigations after the door to a referee's dressing room was kicked.

England flexed their muscles for that tie with a friendly at home to Denmark. The 1-0 win was a source of some comfort after the European Championship debacle during the summer.

Captain Bryan Robson, in typically determined form, so unsettled the Danish defence they could only half clear and Neil Webb punished them with a splendidly struck goal.

English football lost one of its great goalscoring heroes on October 9, when Jackie Milburn died at the age of 64. He was centre-forward for Newcastle United and England and so much more besides.

'Wor Jackie' was a legend in the North East. From the same footballing stock came later international figures, Bobby and Jack Charlton. The two brothers were among thousands of mourners at the funeral in Newcastle.



The English media's reaction to the 0-0 draw with Sweden at Wembley.

INJURY HIT WELSH

WALES . . . by NICK GIBBS

WALES' September World Cup qualifier away to European Champions Holland not surprisingly ended in defeat.

But behind the 1-0 scoreline was a Welsh performance of great resilience which almost snatched a remarkable and memorable point.

Manager Terry Yorath had his problems beforehand. Injuries had denied him the services of experienced internationals Pat Van den Hauwe, Kevin Ratcliffe and Neil Slatter.

Yorath boldly selected a back four which included Alan Knill in the centre of defence alongside Chelsea's Peter Nicholas, who himself was returning to the side after injury.

Knill, a 23-year-old from Yorath's own club Swansea City, was born in Slough but qualified for the red shirts of Wales because of Welsh parentage.

Wales, despite the inexperience, put up a magnificent defensive display in Amsterdam and kept the Dutch at bay until the 84th minute when Ruud Gullit scored the winner.

Gullit headed Ronald Koeman's free kick against the bar but then nodded the rebound past Neville Southall.

Realistically, Wales will now be hoping that the Dutch and West Germans destroy one another in order to give them a chance of grabbing second spot, although the recent 2-2 draw with Finland at the Vetch Field was a massive setback.

Cardiff City, meanwhile, have progressed through to the second round of the European Cup Winners' Cup. After a goalless draw at Derry City's Brandywell ground in the first leg, Frank Burrows' side romped home 4-0 in the return.

Jim Gilligan, Cardiff's Hammersmith-born forward signed from Lincoln City, scored a hat-trick on the night. The victory earned them a second round tie with Danish Cup winners Aarhus, who dismissed Ireland's other entrant Glenavon.

That tie will revive memories of the physical encounters between Wales and Denmark in the European Championship qualifiers a year ago.

Meanwhile, the competition which determines Wales' sole European entrant, the Welsh Cup, is under way. Merthyr Tydfil, winners in 1987 and last season's Cup Winners' participants, have reached the third round following a 6-0 thrashing of AFC Cardiff of the Welsh Abacus League.

In that third round, they will be joined by the professional sides.

In league competition, the leading Welsh teams are not faring at all well. Promoted Cardiff, despite their European success, are languishing one place off the bottom of the English Third Division with only one league victory (3-0 against Huddersfield Town) to their name.

Swansea, a First Division side five years ago, have made an indifferent start in Division Three as have Wrexham a league lower.

SCOTLAND. . . by GLEN GIBBONS

IT may be impossible to please all of the people all of the time, but Scottish football has demonstrated in the last month that it is feasible to expect to satisfy most of the people for much of the time.

The national side went to the top of their World Cup qualifying group by virtue of a 1-1 draw with the formidable Yugoslavia, which followed their 2-1 victory over Norway in Oslo in the opening match.

And, to the delight of the entire country, their lofty position was maintained when France were held to a 1 -1 draw in Cyprus just three days later.

If the Yugoslavs remain favourites to win the section, the Scots are now entitled to believe that they can claim one of the two places on offer from the five-team group.

At club level, Rangers, the best-supported in the land, lifted the Skol League Cup for the third year in succession — it was also a record 16th triumph since the competition was begun in 1946 — with a 3-2 victory over Aberdeen at Hampden Park.

Ally McCoist scored two of the goals — one from the penalty spot — with Ian Ferguson's beautifully-struck volley sandwiched between them.

Celtic, the defending champions who suffered badly in the opening weeks from a loss of form and confidence (to say nothing of a succession of injuries and illnesses to important players) brought a glow back to their huge following with a resurgence which took them back up the premier Division table and into the second round of the European Cup.

Dundee United and Hearts joined Glasgow's big two in the European theatre, although both continued through painful inconsistency in the domestic programme.

Now all four European representatives anticipate the second legs of their various competitions with the hope of securing the kind of results which can keep a club and its fans warm through the winter months.

Rangers, with one cup already in the ledger and in a healthy position in the league, have had more to crow about than the others. But Celtic's growing confidence could lead to an enthralling collision of the Old Firm at Parkhead on November 12.

Whatever else may be said of the Scottish game, there is no lack of excitement.

IRISH STOP THE JOKE

EIRE

A FEW years ago the popular joke was that the initials F.A.I. meant 'Find Another Irishman' instead of the Football Association of Ireland.

True, there was a stretching of FIFA's ancestral rule in some instances and strange decisions were often made at the Association's headquarters in Dublin's Merrion Square.

But there have been big improvements on the Irish scene in the past two and a half years.

Maligned

The much maligned FAI executive caused a shock by appointing Englishman Jack Charlton as national team manager in February 1986 — the rest is history.

Big Jack did in three months what no other Irish manager could achieve, that is win a trophy. The Cup was for winning a triangular Icelandic tournament and it was as a result of two AWAY wins over Iceland and Czechoslovakia.

Then of course came another first by qualifying for the European Championship Finals and what a great show by the 'Boys in Green' in Germany.

Off the field, the FAI were also getting their house in order.

They appointed Donie Butler as commercial manager and he completed sponsorship deals with Opel and Adidas.

Now the commercial division handle all match-day programmes, sponsorship and publish previously unheard-of Yearbooks, Calendars etc.

Computerisation was introduced and the FAI is now contactable by Telex and Fax.

Further changes saw the appointment of former Derry City manager Noel King as national coach and Dr. Tony O'Neill as press officer.

Last month, Dr. O'Neill took over as general secretary from the retiring Peadar O'Driscoll.

The only area which the FAI have still got to sort out is the concept of a national stadium.

Hefty

At present a hefty percentage of all the revenue from home games goes to the Irish Rugby Football Union for the use of Lansdowne Road.

Talks have dragged on for some time with Bohemians regarding the proposed modernising of Dalymount Park, which was the venue for all of The Republic's home games until the early seventies.

DERRY CITY have won their first national trophy since they joined the League of Ireland in 1985.

City travelled to Oriel Park last month and beat last season's Eire League and Cup winners Dundalk on a 4-0 scoreline to take the Opel League Cup trophy — and make amends for last season's Cup Final disappointment.

In 1986, Derry won the League of Ireland Shield — a competition confined to First Division clubs — but this was their first major win.

Now the best supported club in Ireland (North or South) are favourites to take the Premier Division Championship.

SHAMROCK ROVERS may be returning to Glenmalure Park, Milltown next season.

The Kilcoyne family have put the 3.8 acre Milltown site up for sale by tender.

John McNamara, who bought the Rovers franchise from the Kilcoynes during the summer, has now put together a financial package which he hopes can pave the way for the Hoops to return to their natural south Dublin home.

The closing date for tenders is November 18. Rovers are currently sharing Dalymount Park with Bohemians.

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From PAUL GARDNER

NEW YORK — The United States Soccer Federation is about to embark on its most ambitious programme ever — between 40 and 50 international games will be scheduled for the national team during the coming year.

With things racing along at the rate of nearly one game a week, the obvious question is: how on earth will the USSF get the clubs to release their players that frequently?

A trick question. For the answer is: the players will be employed by the USSF, not by clubs.

This is the situation. There is no full-time pro league in the USA, apart from the MISL, an indoor league. So the USSF is confronted with the awkward fact that it must, by and large, use players who are playing the indoor game, or who have signed with overseas (mostly European) clubs. And that is hopelessly unsatisfactory. Hence the new USSF scheme to employ national team players directly.

It will work like this. All the players who took part in the Seoul Olympic Games have been offered terms. They will be paid, on average, $25,000 for the coming nine-month period. A sort of retainer, if you will.

In addition, they will receive help from the USSF in finding jobs with companies or sponsors who are supporting the USSF's programmes. (one such sponsor — Chiquita Bananas — is reported to be putting $10 million into US soccer over the next six years.

In return for this retainer, the players will be available whenever required for national team duty. The programme was put into operation rather hurriedly in September — evidently with the aim of getting the players to sign-up before they were grabbed by MISL clubs. That was a pretty successful move — only two players will be with MISL clubs.

The anomaly now is that while a pre-formed team is available, the coach has yet to be decided. The current part-time coach, Lother Osiander, has made it clear that he is not interested in a full-time position.

It seems quite possible that USSF President Werner Fricker — sticking to his vehemently stated position that he will not employ a foreign coach — will appoint Bob Gansler to replace Osiander.

Gansler is currently coach of the under-20 national team. He comes from a long line of totally undistinguished American college coaches, having won nothing of any consequence in his career, and with decidedly limited, and not at all successful, international experience.

If Gansler does indeed get the job it will be yet another in a highly disturbing series of decisions to come from the USSF's Colorado Springs headquarters. In the past six months. The USSF has fired its two most prominent professional staff members.

Al Miller who has (or was supposed to be) the manager of the national team programme, and Thom Meredith, the director of communications. This means that the USSF's headquarters is currently operating with only one person — the general secretary Keith Walker — who has any experience whatever of soccer and the international game.

This is the organisation that is going to give us World Cup 94? The troubles are symbolised by the Colorado Springs location. That is not the place for a major sports body. It is a small-time place, and it becomes increasingly clear that there are far too many small-time attitudes at work within the USSF. A major part of the problem is that the USSF is primarily an amateur, volunteer organisation. When such a body has to appoint competent professionals to run things — as the USSF must do — the fur starts to fly.

Al Miller found his effectiveness hopelessly compromised by what he saw as obstruction, incompetence and power-seeking on the part of certain volunteers, Thom Meredisth evidently fell foul of the same trap.

It is worrying situation — one that calls for strong leadership from Werner Fricker. At the moment, that is not happening. The USSF, nicely isolated in the remoteness of Colorado Springs, drifts along with an increasingly provincial air to its actions.

How else to explain an extraordinary press release from Keith Walker that hailed the construction of a small new stadium (capacity 6,000) in Colorado Springs with the words: "Our national team really hasn't had a home field of its own. But with the development of this new stadium, we could play host to international games in Colorado Springs."

So the USA is to position its Wembley Stadium, its Maracana, half way up the Rocky Mountains, in a city which very few people know how to get to and even fewer *want* to go to? Walker hurriedly explained that he didn't mean that, just a *few* games would be played there.

But such gaffes only reinforce the feeling that the USSF is being run in an amateur way. The firings of Miller and Meredith (both officially listed as "resignations for personal reasons") are further evidence. The appointment of Bob Gansler would certainly do nothing to dispel the doubts.

Whoever the new coach may be, he will find a team — the players who are "under contract" to the USSF — composed largely of young, white, former college players. Whether such a group represents — either ethnically or in terms of skill — the full strength of the richly varied American soccer scene, is open to substantial doubt.

The performance of the team in the Seoul Olympics was inconclusive. An impressive tie against Argentina was followed by another — much luckier — tie against South Korea, then a 2-4 loss to eventual gold medallists Russia. That tally meant elimination in the first round, the standard fate of American teams in FIFA competitions.

Not since 1930 — when the USA played in the semi-finals of the very first World Cup — has an American team been able to advance beyond the first round in the World Cup, the Olympics, or the under-20 and under-16 World Cups.

BUSY TIME FOR THE US

There is no doubt that this was an extremely tough group. But one has also to take into account that these were far from being the Argentine or the Russian "A" teams.

The disturbing thing is to listen to the post-tournament rationalisations — all of which see promise in the results. The trouble is that we've been listening to precisely the same reasoning for far too long.

Fifteen years ago a US team set off for games in Europe, as the then USSF President proclaimed: "We have assembled a team which we feel is capable of competing with the world's best."

Since then we have had fifteen years of failure at the international level, and fifteen years of mindlessly optimistic "we're nearly there" pronouncements.

Skill

The United States is not nearly there. It seems to forget that the rest of the world — particularly African and Asia — is getting better, too. It is still a frequent experience to hear the comment from American coaches that "we can't match them in skill, but we make up for that with team-spirit and aggressiveness". What is not faced up to is just *why* the US players are behind in skill.

A top USSF coach recently said: "We'll never play like Brazilians" and then hurriedly added "but don't quote me!"

This is at the root of the problem — an entrenched mentality At the top of US soccer which preaches high patriotism, which believes that it is doing the best for the sport in this country — but which has no faith in the ability of Americans to play skilful soccer.

But the further down the age scale one goes, the better the picture gets. At the under- 16 level, national coach Roy Rees has a team that may well be the first to break the curse of first-round elimination.

It will play in the CONCACAF tournament in November and (particularly with the absence of the disgraced Mexicans) should not have too much difficulty in qualifying for the 1989 under-16 World Cup in Scotland. The team recently completed a highly successful tour of Scotland — beating Rangers and Morton, drawing with Celtic, and losing 0-1 to Scotland.

The younger players do look more skilful — but it remains to be seen whether this is the beginning of a new generation, or whether, as has been seen in the past, these players fail to develop as hoped.

Their progress will, of course, be to enter college soccer at the age of 18 on an athletic scholarship. There will follow four years of playing in the peculiar college system, with its unlimited substitution and its short seasons and its wildly varying caliber, to say nothing of the peculiarities of its coaches.

One coach in the New York area has now taken to giving his players sheets of paper to take home and study. On them are diagrammed the various moves and plays that he wants them to learn.

After college comes the big gap. Semi-pro soccer with the American Soccer League, perhaps, or indoor soccer. It is a discouraging outlook.

No wonder that Roy Rees talks wistfully about his plan to set up a soccer school in Houston, where he lives.

Under this scheme, he would gather the under-16 team together from all over the country, have them living with local families and attending a local high school — and, naturally, have them available for concentrated training.

It is not easy to establish something of that sort in the USA — a million objections and local by-laws and school district regulations immediately surface to block progress. But Roy Rees is a persistent man, and the plan — which at first appeared as so much pie in the sky — may yet come to pass.

Finally, an update on what's happening on the World Cup-94 front. Not very much. Since the announcement on July 4 that World Cup-94 was coming to the USA, not one press release has emanated from the World Cup office in Washington.

No staff have been taken on (although job applications have been pouring into the office. Those who fear that World Cup-94 will simply be a marketing extravaganza must have smiled grimly at the only organisational announcement that has so far been made: the setting-up of USA Soccer Properties, Inc., "to carry out the marketing of the USSF's various properties, including its national teams."

CANADA GO FOR ATTACK

IF soccer is ever to become a major spectator sport in North America, then it is going to be with teams playing wide open attacking soccer.

The game cannot afford coaches who only pay lip service to attack and then line up with a sweeper, a back four and two withdrawn wingers.

One coach who has demonstrated very clearly the way the game must go is Bobby Lenarduzzi of the Vancouver 86ers of the Canadian Soccer League. His determination to place the emphasis on attack has paid off handsomely.

Tiny stadium

On September 25, Vancouver won the Canadian Soccer League championship by beating the Hamilton Steelers 4-1 at Swangard Stadium in Burnaby, British Columbia. For the 86ers it was their 28th game of the season without defeat, a season in which they scored 91 goals in 30 games.

In the process the 86ers attracted almost 80,000 fans to the tiny stadium where Canada played England in 1986, for an average of almost 5,000 a game, far and away the highest attendance in the league. For the final the fans were sitting on the grassy banks surrounding the field and even on the running track.

Another significant point about Vancouver's win is that it was achieved with a team made up almost entirely of Canadian players. There was only one import, Ivor Evans from Fiji, on the roster.

Canadian internationals John Catliff, with an overall total of 23, Domenic Mobilio with 22 and Dale Mitchell with 12 led the goalscoring parade.

For Lenarduzzi, who played 47 full internationals for Canada including the 1986 World Cup finals and also played in the 1984 Olympic Games, the 1988 season was a fitting climax to an oustanding playing career.

Born in Vancouver, he began as an apprentice professional with Reading of the Football League, then returned home to play eleven seasons with the Vancouver Whitecaps of the NASL.

When the 86ers were formed after the collapse of the NASL, he became player coach. The CSL final was his final game as a player.

It was the second year in a row in which Hamilton had lost the CSL championship game, but the game itself was a credit to the Canadian league featuring two teams who were willing to entertain the fans.

Even though Hamilton were three down inside 21 minutes to goals from Carl Valentine, Greg Ion and Catliff, they were never really out of the game until Mitchell scored Vancouver's fourth 14 minutes from time.

In fact, had it not been for some excellent goalkeeping by Sven Habermann, the Steelers could have been back on level terms before Argentinian striker Amadeo Gasparini scored their only goal eight minutes into the second half.

After a second successful CSL season, the Canadians turned their thoughts to the World Cup qualifying games against Guatemala, the first being played in Guatemala city on October 9 with the return game in Burnaby one week later.

Quick succession

Meanwhile, south of the border the Washington Diplomats beat the Fort Lauderdale Strikers 3-2 in Fort Lauderdale to win the first championship of the new American Soccer League. A crowd of 4,257 watched the game at Lockhart Stadium and saw all the goals scored within a seven minute spell in the first half.

Ricardo Alonso put the Strikers ahead after 28 minutes, then goals came in quick succession from Leonel Suazo to tie the score for the Diplomats, Keith Trehy to give them the lead and then from Alonso again to make it 2-2. With 36 minutes gone Michael Brady headed in the winner for Washington.

Seven up Soccer in Hong Kong

from BOB PATEMAN

SEVEN-A-SIDE soccer is taken far more seriously in Hong Kong than in other parts of the world, and 3,132 fans turned out to watch the President's Cup — considerably more than had shown an interest in the previous year's FA Cup Final.

Happy Valley again proved themselves to be the 7-a-side experts, taking their third consecutive win with their 'B' team also reaching the Final. With the players knowing each other so well, the final was something of an anti-climax, with plenty of goals but none of the excitement of the two closely fought semi-finals.

Semi-finals: Happy Valley 'A' beat Lai Sun 2-1; Happy Valley 'B' beat Eastern 'B' 2-1. Final: Happy Valley 'A' win 4-3.

There is hope that a Hong Kong Junior team might be going to England for a training programme. Although there was no official announcement of such a tour, the arrival of Bobby Charlton in the colony has caused speculation that he will arrange a tour similar to that so successfully undertaken by the Chinese youth team.

AUSTRALIA: The selection of the Australian Olympic team produced two main areas of debate. One was the exclusion of Ian Gray.

The 25-year-old midfielder had enjoyed a fine season with Marconi and many felt he was due for a return to the national team, which he last played for in 1986 against the visiting Czech side.

He was indeed included in the Bi-centennial squad but didn't get a game and was not in the Olympic party.

One surprising Olympic selection was that of John Kosmina. Having won 59 caps since 1977 Kosmina, whose international career seemed to be over, found himself recalled to the squad at the 'veteran' age of 32.

The Australian play-offs, which can be more confusing to understand than the Brazilian National Championship, saw South Melbourne miss out on both opportunities of making the final.

In their last match they went down 2-1 to Marconi for whom substitute Vince Colagiuri scored the winner. The Marconi success was carved in midfield where Ian Gray, Peter Katholas and Matteo Colucci dominated.

In the other semi-final, Sydney Croatia and Wollonyong held each other to a goalless draw and the match went to penalties. Wollonyong skipper Jeff Ainsworth came forward to take the opening kick and, for the first time in his career, missed a penalty. Then to add to the agony goalkeeper Warwick Young, who had enjoyed a great afternoon, also failed in his attempt, giving the Sydney side a 4-3 victory.

The Final also went to a penalty play-off following a 2-2 draw with Marconi winning the shoot out 5-4.

IRAN: A truce might have been achieved in the gulf war but FIFA are insisting that a peace treaty must be signed before they will lift their ban on Iran and Iraq playing home matches.

With such talks dragging on it looks unlikely that either side will be at home for the early rounds of the World Cup qualifying tournament.

CHINA: Happy Valley of Hong Kong made a three match tour of South China. They lost their first two games but beat a Guangdong province 'B' team 2-1.

In an exciting new venture, a local businessman in the southern city of Chengdu has set up the country's first privately sponsored football team.

Mr Wan Jiachun has put forward around $2,700 to help start the club and has already gathered together a squad of 18 players from local teams.

Wan Football Club, as they are to be known, are now seeking official approval to arrange games with foreign sides and top state-run teams.

INDIA: Top players in India face a hectic finish to the season. From the end of September when the Federation Cup begins until December, there are no less than five other major tournaments scheduled.

In addition it is fully expected that the Sikkim and Assam Associations will be given permission to stage their own cup competitions before December. Even though no player will be involved in every cup, this still adds up to a heavy burden on the star players.

The All-India Football Federation, however, are reluctant to say no to any individual Association for this is election year and the executive officers are especially anxious not to upset anybody before the voting takes place.

Invited

The most important of all these tournaments is the Federation Cup and the short list of sides that will be invited to this national championship consists of: Mohun Bagan, East Bengal and Mohammedan Sporting (All Calcutta), Jagatjit Cotton Mills, Border Security Force, Punjab State Electricity Board (all from Punjab), Salgaocar and Dempo (from Goa), Kerala Police and Indian Telephone Industries (from Bangalore), Mahindra (Bombay) and State Bank and Simia Youngs (Delhi).

MALAYSIA: Malaysia will stage group B of the Asian Cup which will give their side, Pahang, a good chance of reaching the final. They will be up against Al Saad (Qatar), Mohamedian Sporting (Bangladesh), April 25th (North Korea), and Al-Itifaq (Saudi Arabia).

Group 'A' will take place in the southern Chinese city of Guangdog and will feature the champions of China, Iraq, Kuwait, India and Thailand.

THE rural areas of Nepal are some of the poorest and most remote places left in the world. Most people are too concerned with survival to worry about sporting activities and as a result a country with a population of 13 million people has less than 3,000 registered players.

Nepal's international performances have therefore been uninspiring. The national team play in red shirts and blue shorts. For the last World Cup, they hired former Spurs full-back Joe Kinnear as coach and achieved a 0-0 draw with Malaysia. This was probably their best ever international result.

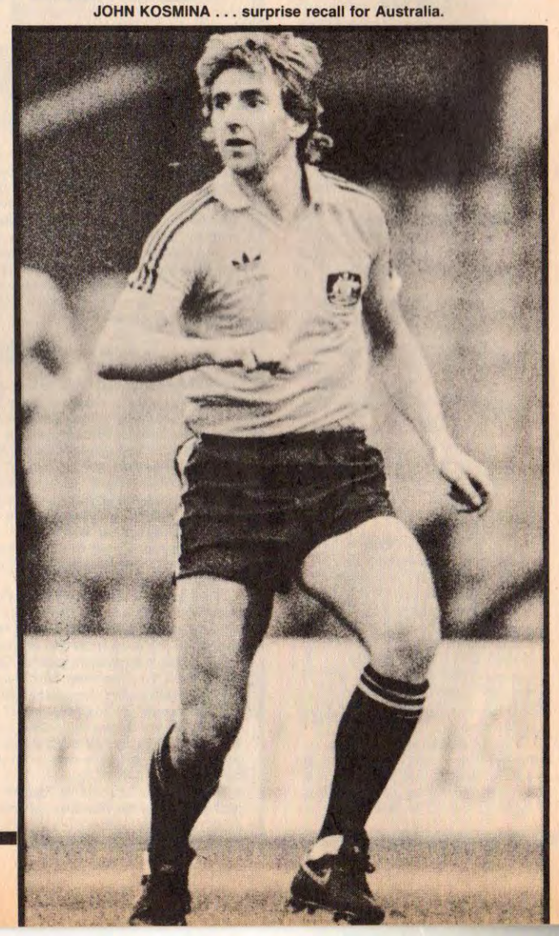
Apart from the World Cup the national team regularly competes in the Quaid-E-Azam Cup in Pakistan, the South East Asian Games and the Asian Championships. Nepal actually qualified for the finals of the 1986 Asian Games but lost all their group matches with a 0-17 goal difference.

A national league was started in 1985 to find a representative for the Asian Club Championship. New Road Team, the first champions, and SBSC Sankata have been the most successful sides. There is also the Nar Trophy for selected sides from the different regions.

The Nepal Football Association also stage an Invitation trophy that is attended by club and military teams from India.

The one major ground in the country is the Desarerth Rangashala Stadium which can house 35,000 fans.

JOHN KOSMINA . . . surprise recall for Australia.



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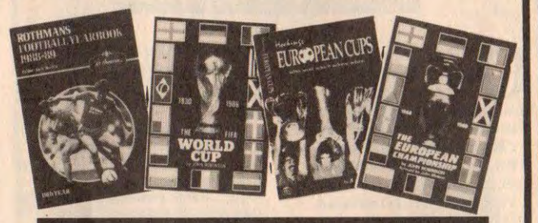

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The BRIAN GLANVILLE column

OLYMPIC — IT'S P

ONE of the daftest aspects of the Olympic football tournament was the wholly contrasting attitudes shown by Brazil and Argentina; who, as we know, actually met in South Korea.

That Brazil won 1-0 reflected very little credit indeed on them. The team they put out may not have been the best available, given the various World Cup men who were ineligible, and the various "exiles" they ignored, but by and large, it was as representative as they could hope for.

Wrangle

The Brazilians had, in fact, taken the competition pretty seriously, as evidenced by their hard attitude towards Valdo and Benfica. By contrast, Argentina seemed to take the whole affair as lightly as . . . a tango.

You may remember that the talented Valdo, one of the best right flankers in Brazilian football, had been signed by Benfica, who then got into a great wrangle with the Brazilian Federation over how long he would be detained in Seoul, insurance cover, and all that. In the end Valdo didn't go, Brazil went howling to FIFA, and Valdo was suspended indefinitely.

All of which would have made perfectly good sense, had teams like Argentina only followed the same course. But Argentina didn't. Indeed their incredibly flaccid approach to their Olympic team infuriated the Buenos Aires press, who flayed the Football Association there, the clubs, the national team coaches, the players themselves, alike. And you could understand them.

Chin

The point being that the Argentine FA was almost pitifully prepared to take no for an answer. It was especially ironic that as the Olympic tournament came to a close, with Brazil committing a kind of hara kiri in the Final against Russia, two of the best potential members of the Argentine team, Caniggia and Troglio, were playing brilliantly in a game for . . . Verona.

The blond right winger Caniggia, and his fellow attacker from River Plate, Troglio, were both requested by Argentina for the Olympics. No, said Verona, and Argentina meekly took that on the chin.

Yet surely this was, as the Argentine press loudly insisted, an official international competition, for which a national team had first claim.

All Verona wanted Caniggia and Troglio for was that half-baked competition, the Italian Cup, which in a sense made it all the more unjust. Italy's own team was able to take whatever players it liked without let or hindrance, though as a gesture it did limit eventually the number drawn from any club. Sauce for the goose, again, was most emphatically not sauce for the gander.

Argentina moreover had trouble at home, with two of its clubs, San Lorenzo and Newells Old Boys, engaged in the concluding stages of the South American Liberators' Cup. Each team refused to release any of its players, and in this case, too, the Argentine FA were supine and resigned.

By the time the resultant Olympic team got to Tokyo on its way to Seoul, the press had dismissed it as a pathetic amalgam, trying to make up with sheer physical commitment and hard running for an absolute lack of any real cohesion or class.

Sneer

Since Argentina themselves did not try to bring Verona and their own clubs into line, there is not much that Valdo can do by way of an official protest, but it might just be worth his pointing out the absurd inconsistency between the cases of Brazil . . . and Argentina.

Just as absurd is the attempt by the Olympic Committee to bully FIFA into allowing future Olympic tournaments to be contested by full international teams, with a passing sneer at FIFA's perfectly proper desire to make the next such competition an Under-23 affair.

To dismiss such a move as a "youth tournament", as an IOC official did, was arrogant, stupid and unhistorical. Quite apart from the fact that the Olympic football has been a ridiculous burden on several major European footballing countries, any study of football's history would have made it quite plain that the World Cup was initiated precisely because international soccer had outgrown the Olympic Games.

By 1924, it had grown quite clear that professionalism in the football competition was endemic. The 1924 and 1928 tournaments were, in fact, contested by the full national sides of almost every country which was entered.

The Uruguayan team which won the title both in Paris in 1924 and in Amsterdam — four years later, was largely the Uruguayan team which won the first-ever World Cup in Montevideo in 1930.

But there is good cause for believing that the achievement of the 1924 and 1928 teams was greater than that of 1930, simply because in that year, most of the leading European countries, to the chagrin of the Uruguayans, did not make the long sea voyage to Montevideo.

Amateurs

The European contingent which contested the Olympic tournaments, by contrast, was wholly representative, with the exception of the four British countries, which did not compete in the Olympic Games after protests over broken time payments to so-called amateurs.

You will thus clearly see that the claims by certain TV commentators during the recent Olympics that this was the strongest field ever known in such a competition had no basis in history.

The 1988 Olympic tournament was an utter hotch potch, and it was specially ironic that Russia, who had not won the title since 1956 in Melbourne, not even in

Desires

Moscow, should at last win it again, with what amounted to a B team. On a number of occasions over the years, 1956 among them, they were able to put out their full side.

Since no international sporting organisation worthy of its name has the least interest nowadays in anything but money, it is scarcely surprising that the IOC are so keen to make the Olympic football tournament an open one. But FIFA know full well that were this to happen, the World Cup would be seriously devalued; even assuming that the various major clubs and their Leagues were persuaded to release their men.

When I covered the Tokyo Olympics in 1964, I remember the rumbling Vicente Feola, clad only in a bath towel, suggesting to me that an Under-21 tournament was the ideal solution. Probably there isn't one, and harking back to an Under-23 competition is just another kind of compromise. But it makes much more sense than the IOC's crass desires.

TONY CASCARINO'S instant and remarkable success in the First Division surely carries a moral. He is 26, and that is a pretty long time to wait before making your mark in the upper realm of the league.

Moreover, the belief among the mentors of some clubs' youth schemes, that the scouts now are looking only for large, hefty players, scarcely applies in the case of Cascarino.

He is six feet two inches and even after hard training at Millwall still weighs over 13 stone.

No league club went for him, however, when he was in his early teens, and it was not until the ripe old age of 19 that Gillingham at last took him on from the little Kent club, Crockenhill, in exchange, as is now well known, just for a set of track suits.

Pace

There, Cascarino did well from the start in the Third Division, but still no-one would bring him into the higher spheres. He says that he simply couldn't believe the various criticisms he heard about his play: not least that he lacked pace.

With justified spleen, he points out that were there to be a sprint race at Millwall, he would certainly finish in the first three. As for ball control, anyone who has watched him this season down at the Den, especially anyone who saw the glorious turn with which he left Dave Watson of Everton standing, will know he is no tyro in this respect.

Leaving nothing to chance, he will still take a ball out into his back garden, and kick it against the wall, to improve his skills.

The manner in which Cascarino came to play for the Republic of Ireland was unusual and circumventory, too.

Eion Hand was still the national team manager when the admirable Reg Drury, omniscient football correspondent of the *News of the World*, rang Hand up to tell him that Cascarino had an Irish mother: an O'Malley, nothing less.

Hand had barely heard of Cascarino then, let alone heard he had an Irish qualification. Cascarino senior had the good sense to emigrate from Monte Cassino to Scotland, just before the last war. Tony tells me he has been over to see Monte Cassino which, of course, was devastated during the war, when the Germans holed up on the hill in an impregnable monastery.

It baffles me that a player who must always have shown some

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potential should have been ignored for so long, but then there's nowt so strange as league clubs. That other somewhat less well qualified Irish international striker, John Aldridge, would no doubt agree.

You will recall that Aldridge, a native born Liverpudlian, had to make the long round trip from South Liverpool via Newport County and Oxford United, before he eventually arrived at Anfield. I notice, too, that another Liverpudlian striker whose journey was a long one is still getting goals in the First Division this season: Peter Davenport, who came to Nottingham Forest from the Cammell Laird shipyard team.

No aspiring youngster should ever give up hope. Look, too, at the number of players who have been joining league clubs this season from the Alliance League, or whatever it now calls itself.

GORDON TAYLOR has his very good reasons for turning down the secretaryship of the Football League, but it was a sad day for the game. Never has there been so great a need for administrators of stature and quality, and seldom have we had so few of them.

The way the Government have been allowed to walk over football with their crude and ill-judged identity card scheme has been lamentable.

Knives

This, though so many senior policemen are convinced it cannot work. You cannot blame Taylor for wanting to stay where he is, within the familiar and sympathetic purlieus of the Professional Footballers' Association, where at least he knows the knives will not be out, the factions will not be squabbling, the bulk of his time will not be eaten up in trying to reconcile feuding parties.

Taylor's view, and hope, is that a kind of triumvirate can be established, consisting of his own body, the League and the Football Association. But I seriously doubt it. If you want power, you have to take power, and power still, alas, lies within the FA and the League, however poorly it is utilised.

Taylor has been characteristically downright and sensible over the affair of Paul Davis, tried, or at least spotted, by television, and consequently fined heavily and suspended for no fewer than nine matches by the FA, who said they had to take account of the fact that millions had "viewed" the offence.

Taylor is not convinced by the validity of television being used in such cases as arbiter, but concedes that if he is running, as he has been, a crusade to cleanse the game on the field as well as off it, he can hardly contest such a decision. The Italians don't accept televised evidence when the referee and linesmen haven't seen the incident: the West Germans do. Very hard to know where to draw the line. Many years ago, it was the Italian habit to deploy someone they called an observer of the field, present at every league match.

Some 30 odd years ago, I remember being shocked during a game in Florence when the Fiorentina left-half kicked an opponent in the back, and appeared to get away with it. But he was very properly fined and suspended.

The observer of the field had spied him. Such an official can clearly be of great help, especially when it comes to incidents "off the ball", which can so often escape the notice of the three officials. The notion that players should be punished because their offence has been shown on television is a worrying one, not because they don't deserve to be punished, but because you have an uneasy feeling that many other offences have gone unsanctioned because television wasn't there to record it.

The other aspect of the Davis affair is that there appears to have been something of a history to it: in the immediate sense, the alleged incident when Glenn Cockerill, the man whose jaw he broke with a left hook, stamped on his calf and lacerated it. No doubt the disciplinary committee took all this and its more distant antecedents into account, and less doubt still that there was no excuse for Davis doing what he did. Still, there remains an uneasiness about it all.

A WORD to all radio and TV football commentators. May I refer you to what Edmund Crispin, many years ago, famously called "The unnecessary cross-reference". He was speaking in a literary context, of course, but it holds good for football.

My eloquent and gifted friends have my admiration — I couldn't do their job — but the temptation to editorialise is ever present and so often fatal.

Football is such a quick-moving game. Stop to digress and you may miss essential detail. Not least goals and the way they are scored.

VALDO . . . a headache for Brazil and Benfica.

CLUB FOCUS ON . . . VfB STUTTGART

TIP FOR THE TOP . . . VfB

by ARTHUR ROTMIL

STUTTGART have only once been Bundesliga champions — and that was four years ago.

But now, many West German experts think the present team is good enough to wrest the title from Werder Bremen, who have made an inauspicious start to the season, and even trip up Bayern Munich, who may be vulnerable due to their large turnover of players.

Stuttgart are a well-run club headed by president Gerhard Mayer-Vorfelder, the Education Minister for the State of Baden-Württemberg, while the team manager, Arie Haan, a former Dutch World Cup star, enjoys an excellent reputation.

Five internationals, led by that superb striker Jürgen Klinsmann, form the backbone of the side that made a solid start to the season.

When the Bundesliga broke off for some three weeks because of the Olympics (in which the West Germans took the bronze medal), the red-and-whites were sharing the lead with Bayern Munich.

VfB — Verein für Bewegungsspiele (club for outdoor games) — Stuttgart, to give them their full name, were founded on September 9, 1893.

Their offices are in the Mercedes Strasse, a reminder that Stuttgart is the home of one of the world's most famous cars.

Made headlines

In their early years, soon after the turn of the century, they had been largely overshadowed by their local rivals Stuttgarter Kickers, who won the regional league of South Germany three times (German football was organised on a regional basis until the creation of the Bundesliga in 1963).

VfB first made headlines when they reached the final of the all-German national championship in 1935, losing in a dramatic match to the famous Schalke by 6-4.

But the opposition fielded such stars as Fritz Szepan and Ernst Kuzorra, two of the greatest-ever German footballers, plus Rudi Gellesch and Adolf Urban, also star internationals.

In the period of the Third Reich and the Nazi government between 1933 and 1945, German club football was divided into 38 sub-regional leagues called Gaus. VfB became four-time champions of the Gau of Württemberg.

When the Second World War ended, they joined the Oberliga Sud (South) and immediately became its champions in 1946, repeating the successes in 1952 and 1954.

They then boasted a remarkable striker called Robert Schlienz, who only had one arm! Yet he was top scorer in the Oberliga twice and played in the national side three times.

Stuttgart then fielded a splendid team who won the championship of West Germany in 1950 and 1952, and the Cup in 1954 and 1958.

Their impact on West German soccer was so great that they became one of the 16 clubs invited to form the first national league, the Bundesliga, in 1963. They finished the first season in an honourable fifth place.

In season 1974-75, three teams were relegated for the first time. Poor VfB finished in the dreaded third place from bottom, just one point behind Werder Bremen.

They spent just two terms in the lower division but returned as champions of the Second Division in 1977 and have remained in the upper sphere ever since.

In 1984, they became national champions again; and their amateur section won the national title in 1963 and 1980.

International pillars

From their fine side who last triumphed in the Bundesliga four years ago, there are still defenders Guido Buchwald, Günther Schafer and Rainer Zietsch, plus midfielders Karl Allgöwer and the Icelandic international Asgeir Sigurvinsson left.

Gone are the Förster brothers, Karlheinz and Bernd, then the international pillars of the defence.

Team boss Arie Haan, 40, played for VV Winschoten, Ajax, Anderlecht, Standard Liege, PSV Eindhoven and Seiko Hong Kong.

He celebrated his greatest successes with Ajax, winning the European Cup three times.

For the national side, he played 35 times and was twice World Cup runner-up, in 1974 and 1978.

As a manager, he gained experience with FC Antwerp (1984-1985) and Anderlecht (1985-1987) before joining VfB in 1987.

Haan is delighted that team captain Sigurvinsson, the 40-times capped Icelander, has recovered from groin and shoulder injury and is once again the midfield "general".

The team chief was thus able to move the experienced Karl Allgöwer, 31, into the libero position. VfB have 23 professionals in the squad and the competition for places, especially in midfield, is fierce.

The new Yugoslav international Srecko Katanec, aged 25 with 18 caps, has been a revelation but Stuttgart rely otherwise on practically the same formation as last season and this strengthens their confidence and team work.

Other stars include international goalkeeper Eike Immel, 28, the brilliant Jürgen Klinsmann, 24, plus Fritz Walter, a famous name in German football though he is no relation.

Klinsmann, last season's top scorer in the Bundesliga with 19 goals, is expected to be a key figure in VfB's bold bid for the title.

GUIDO BUCHWALD . . . Stuttgart's defensive linchpin.

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Obituary. — BRANKO ZEBEC, one of Yugoslavia's greatest players and most successful club coaches, died in Zagreb, aged 58. Zebec died from liver problems associated with alcoholic poisoning. Zebec played for Partizan and Red Star Belgrade, scoring 17 goals in 65 appearances for Yugoslavia. His great ability provided the versatility which saw him play in most forward positions as well as centre-half. He played outside left in the Rest of the World team which drew 4-4 with England at Wembley in the 1953 match to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Football Association. Later Zebec qualified as a coach in West Germany — winning, among other things, the league championship with Bayern Munich and Hamburg. He also coached Stuttgart, Eintracht Frankfurt, Hajduk Split and Dinamo Zagreb.

KARL HECKL. Former president of TSV 1860 Munich, died, aged 61. Heckl, who stepped down last April after four years, had spent large sums from his personal fortune trying to re-establish the Lions in the Bundesliga.

ROBERTO COPERNICO. One of the creators of the 'Great Torino', died aged 84. Copernico was one of Italian football's first general managers, his major coup being the signing of centre-forward Guglielmo Gabetto for the great Torino team which won five Italian league titles in the 1940s before being wiped out in the Superga air disaster. Copernico also assisted Vittorio Pozzo and then Ferruccio Novo with the national team. Later he worked for Inter, 'discovering' the Modena goalkeeper Giorgio Ghezzi.

JACKIE MILBURN. One of the greatest of soccer heroes in the north-east of England, who died at 64. 'Wor Jackie' was the epitome of the soccer hero, the lad from the pits who became the idol of millions. Milburn played only 13 times for England between 1949 and 1956. But he scored a Newcastle club record 178 goals in 354 league appearances as well as the fastest Wembley Cup Final goal when he netted against Manchester City after only 45 seconds in 1954. Thousands lined the streets for his funeral. As another member of that same football dynasty, Jackie Charlton, said: "Long after he retired people would stop him in the streets, just to talk and stare. He was the local lad who made good — and yet never walked out on the people up there."

THE MONTH AHEAD: November
* signifies World Cup tie
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2.11.88	Cyprus v Norway*
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5.11.88	Albania v Sweden*
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16.11.88	Portugal v Luxembourg*
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23.11.88	Rumania v Israel
26.11.88	Fiji v Australia*
29.11.89	U:Turkey v East Germany
30.11.88	Turkey v East Germany*

MARADONA IN BLAST AT FIFA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

SPAIN: At last Johan Cruyff appears to have sorted out his long-running tax battle with the Spanish authorities — as he and Barcelona pay £100,000 to the Banca Catalana to settle sums paid to the inland revenue by the bank on Cruyff's behalf in 1979. Cruyff had claimed in vain that his playing contract with Barcelona was tax-free.

SWITZERLAND: On the eve of the mainstream European club first round first leg ties, UEFA appeals for sporting, violence-free matches and calls on organisers and officials to co-operate in guaranteeing safety and security.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

ACTION: First round, first leg action in all three European club competitions. Highest scorers in the Champions' Cup are Red Star Belgrade (5-0 against Dundalk) and Steaua Bucharest (5-1 away to Sparta Praha). Carl Zeiss (against Krems) and Mechelen (against Avenir Beggen) hit five in the Cup-winners' Cup as do Partizan Belgrade (against Slavia Sofia) in the UEFA Cup. But overall top-scoring honours go to Liege, who win 7-1 away to Union Sportive of Luxembourg.

ITALY: Atalanta announce that they have given up hope of completing the signing of Kiev star Igor Belanov — this year, at least . . . Bologna's new Chilean striker Hugo Rubio will be out of action for two months because of a left knee injury suffered a week earlier in a cup-tie against Napoli.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

ACTION: In the day's one delayed European tie, Akranes of Iceland draw 0-0 at home in Reykjavik against Hungary's Ujpest Dozsa.

BELGIUM: Cercle Brugge sack coach Roland Rotty and call in Hans Grijzenhout. Rotty, in charge for only 11 months, pays the penalty for Cercle having collected six points from their first six games of the season.

DENMARK: Preben Elkjaer, back home with Vejle, announces his retirement from the Danish national team.

ISRAEL: The Israeli FA cracks down with suspensions, fines and points penalties on 22 players and eight clubs found to have operated slush funds to beat the £25,000-a-player maximum earnings restriction.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

FRANCE: Eric Cantona, Marseille's angry young man, has his punishment for insulting national manager Henri Michel clarified. Cantona is not banned from league matches but he is suspended from all involvement with the national teams until the end of the season — meaning he misses the second leg of the 1988 European championship under-21 final against Greece.

SPAIN: Atletico Madrid sack club doctor Ibanez because he would clear only ten outfield players plus three goalkeepers as fit enough to travel to Holland for the midweek UEFA Cup tie with Groningen (In the event, four of his 'certified injured' also travelled and played).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

FRANCE: Bordeaux force a 0-0 draw with Marseille which delights coach Aime Jacquet, bearing in mind their fatiguing European competition trip to the Soviet Union in midweek for a 1-1 draw with Dnepr Propetrovsk. Auxerre stay top thanks to a 1-0 win over Lille.

WEST GERMANY: Bayern Munich go top with a decisive 3-0 win over old rivals Borussia Moenchengladbach. Jurgen Wegmann scores twice in a match which sees Bayern's record buy, Olaf Thon, suffer a suspected fractured jaw in a collision with Michael Frontzeck. Bayern now lead the Bundesliga on goal difference from Bayer Uerdingen, who are held 0-0 at home by Stuttgart . . . Nurnberg forward Suleyman Sane is sent off in the 3-1 defeat by Karlsruhe for sending Karlsruhe keeper Samulla to hospital with a suspected fractured skull.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

BRAZIL: In the third round of the national championship — with the shoot-out ruling now accepted by everybody — Palmeiras and Vasco da Gama both record their third successive victory to lead, respectively, groups one and two. In the match of the day Flamengo beat Corinthians 1-0 in the Maracana thanks to a 'real' penalty, converted in the 70th minute by Zinho. Of 12 matches, three are decided by shoot-outs.

BULGARIA: CFKA Sredets go clear at the top, thrashing Lokomotiv Plovdiv 7-0 while Cherno More, who had been level with CFKA, go down 4-1 to the other Plovdiv team, Trakia.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: No change at the top. Leaders Sparta (nine points) beat Plastika Nitra 3-1, while second-placed Slavia (eight points) beat Rude Hvezda 4-3. Scandal-hit Bohemians lose 1-0 away to Banik Ostrava.

GREECE: Olympiakos beat Apollon 2-0 to share first place after the first round of the new league season. But there are surprise 2-1 defeats for champions Larisa (away to PAOK) and Panathinaikos (away to promoted Olympiakos Volos). Goal scoring heroes of the first round are OFI's Chilean striker, Jaime Vera, and Iraklis' Norwegian, Tom Sundby. Both score twice as their clubs share a 3-3 draw.

PORTUGAL: Belenenses drop their first point of the season, in a 1-1 draw away to Viseu. They remain top but now only one point ahead of Sporting, Setubal, Boavista and FC Porto. Champions Porto draw 1-1 away to Vitoria Guimaraes after having to call up 18-year-old reserve goalkeeper Victor Baia at the last minute after Polish veteran Jozsef Mlynarczyk fractures a collarbone in training.

ITALY: Diego Maradona attacks the FIFA ruling barring South American and European World Cup players from the Olympics. He says: "How can we be banned from an event which includes people like Steffi Graf, Ivan Lendl and Carl Lewis — all of them above-board professional athletes?" . . . Atalanta, foiled in the bid to sign Igor Belanov, turn to Brazil and buy Evair from Guarani . . . Inter beat Anderlecht 3-1 in a San Siro friendly. Ramon Diaz, Lothar Matthaus and Massimo Ciocci score the Inter goals.

SPAIN: Same again on the second day of the season: Barcelona win (3-0 away to Elche), Real Madrid draw (2-2 at Gijon) and Atletico Madrid lose (1-0 at home to Bilbao). Barcelona win with goals from Julio Salinas (two) and Jose Ramon Alesanco but Madrid are pegged back after leading 2-0 at half-time thanks to goals from Hugo Sanchez (penalty) and Michel.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

ITALY: Reports in the Italian press claim that Oleg Protasov could yet join Juventus from Kiev in time for the new league campaign, replacing Denmark's Michael Laudrup.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

ACTION: England and Denmark draw 0-0 at Watford in an under-21 friendly . . . in the European under-21 championship, Iceland draw 1-1 with Holland and Norway and Scotland draw 1-1 in Drammen.

HOLLAND: The fitness of skipper Ruud Gullit is in doubt as the Dutch squad assembles to take on Wales in the qualifiers.

SOVIET UNION: The Finance Ministry tries to do something to sort out the problems regarding the pay of players transferred to western Europe. It issues a directive that foreign-based players should be paid "no higher than an embassy administration officer but no lower than a janitor."

SWITZERLAND: National manager Daniel Jeandupeux recalls Lucien Favre, self-exiled from the national team for four years, to his squad for the World Cup-tie against Luxembourg. Jeandupeux also summons four uncapped players — defenders Urs Birrer and Peter Schepull and midfielders Hans-Peter Burri and Roberto Lei-Ravello.

WEST GERMANY: The last full Bundesliga round is played before competition is suspended for the Olympics. Champions Werder Bremen lead 2-0 at half-time against leaders Bayern Munich but have to settle for a 2-2 draw . . . Nurnberg forward Dieter Eckstein pulls out of the Olympic Games squad because of an achilles tendon injury. He is the fourth player to pull out injured, after club-mate Andreas Kopke, defender Uli Borowka and midfielder Michael Zorc.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

ACTION: The first day of concentrated action in the World Cup European qualifiers: Holland beat Wales 1-0, Norway lose 2-1 at home to Scotland and the two Irelands draw 0-0 in Belfast . . . in friendly internationals, England beat Denmark 1-0 at Wembley with a Neill Webb goal, and Spain — with new manager Luis Suarez making his debut on the bench — lose 2-1 at home in Oviedo to Yugoslavia . . . in the second round of the South American club cup, Guarani of Brazil lose 1-0 at home (and 2-1 on aggregate) to San Lorenzo; Newell's Old Boys beat Bolivar 4-3 (4-3 overall); and Nacional of Uruguay are held goalless in Montevideo by Universidad Catolica (first leg was 1-1).

FRANCE: Second division Niort default on payment of the UEFA-levied fee owed to Sheffield Wednesday for striker Lee Chapman, who will now almost certainly return to England . . . Paris Saint-Germain are held 1-1 at home by Bordeaux but go top of the first division ahead of Auxerre on goal difference.

ITALY: Alexander Zavarov makes an unhappy debut for Juventus in an Italian cup-tie as the Turin giants lose 2-0 at home to Ascoli. Zavarov deflects a Paolo Giovannelli free kick past his own goalkeeper for the first Ascoli goal and then has to be substituted after only 19 minutes because of a thigh strain . . . in other ties Roma lose 3-1 to Pisa, Inter draw 1-1 with Udinese, Napoli struggle to a 1-1 draw against Lecce but Milan easily beat second division Sambenedettese 3-0 despite the absence, on World Cup duty, of Messrs Gullit, Van Basten and Rijkaard.

SOUTH KOREA: The International Olympic Committee decides to seek talks aimed at persuading FIFA to drop all qualification restrictions on players at the Games.

SWITZERLAND: Champions Xamax Neuchatel lose their fourth match of the season — this time by 1-0 to Luzern, who go three points clear of Grasshoppers and Sion at the top of the table. The winning goal comes from Iceland's Sigurdur Gretarsson after 32 minutes.

WEST GERMANY: Crisis-hit Eintracht Frankfurt, whose coach Karlheinz Feldkamp has been absent ill for a month, appoint Hungarian-born Pal Csernai as caretaker. Csernai is a former coach to Bayern Munich, Sporting Lisbon and PAOK Salonika. In the 1970s he was assistant at Frankfurt.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

SOUTH KOREA: The Olympic hosts' federation announces that the South Korean players are on £10,000-a-man plus a luxury car each to win the Games' football tournament.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

ITALY: Brazilian centre-forward Evair arrives in Bergamo to formally complete his transfer to Atalanta. Several hundred fans turn out to welcome him . . . Diego Maradona says that Italian referees are allowing defenders to get away with even rougher tactics than ever.

SOUTH KOREA: An emergency meeting of FIFA's executive committee decides to pull soccer out of future Olympic Games if the IOC tries to dictate on the rules for player qualification.

SWITZERLAND: Second division FC Baden sign former Scotland, Ipswich, Tottenham and Manchester United forward Alan Brazil.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

ACTION: The Olympic Games football tournament gets under way with victories for West Germany (3-0 against China) and Italy (5-2 against Guatemala). Sweden draw 2-2 with Tunisia — in which Jonas Thern and Jameleddine Limam are sent off — and Iraq draw 2-2 with Zambia.

FRANCE: Paris Saint-Germain maintain their lead over Auxerre on goal difference as both clubs are held to goalless draws away from home (at Montpellier and Toulouse respectively). The switch to three-points-for-a-win comes into question as four of the 10 first division matches end in goalless draws.

SPAIN: Barcelona drop their first point in three matches as they are held 1-1 at home in Nou Camp by Valencia. Both goals come after Barcelona's embattled skipper, Jose Ramon Alesanco, is sent off for a foul on Luis Flores in the 66th minute. Roberto heads Barsa in front four minutes later but Valencia snatch an 87th-minute equaliser through Fernando Gomez.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

ACTION: In the Olympics Australia spring a surprise by defeating Yugoslavia 1-0. Brazil score a predictable 4-0 win over Nigeria and there are honourable draws for the United States (1-1 against Argentina) and the South Korean hosts (0-0 against the Soviet Union).

ARGENTINA: River Plate lose 2-0 at home to Boca Juniors in the Buenos Aires 'classic'. Three of the day's ten championship matches go to penalty shoot-outs with the most dramatic seeing

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SANCHEZ ENDS LEAN REAL SPELL

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Independiente beat Deportivo Espanol 14-13 after a 2-2 draw.

BELGIUM: Mechelen are held 1-1 away to FC Liege and Anderlecht and Club Brugge pull level for a three-way tie at the top of the table.

GREECE: Two goals in the last 11 minutes by substitute Sakis Mustakidis rescue a 2-2 draw for Olympiakos away to Iraklis and means that after just two rounds the Piraeus team are top of the league on goal difference.

HOLLAND: PSV Eindhoven win 3-1 away to Willem II and go top on goal difference ahead of Twente Enschede and Feyenoord. Ajax's problems increase as they are held 3-3 at home by Roda Kerkrade and slip to 11th in the table.

PORTUGAL: Belenenses drop another point as they are held 2-2 by Maritimo, yet John Mortimore's men remain top on goal difference from the Big Three — Sporting, Benfica and FC Porto. Benfica beat Viseu 4-0 with one goal coming from Brazilian star Valdo, who should have been playing in the Olympics.

SPAIN: Real Madrid are held 2-2 yet again, this time at home by Real Sociedad. Yet Sociedad coach John Toshack says: "Madrid will win the league title again — they're still the best side in the country. They just might have to sweat a bit more this time." Bilbao win 1-0 in Cadiz to go top; Atletico Madrid remain bottom after losing a third successive game, this time by 4-1 in Sevilla.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

ACTION: Shock waves rebound around the football world as Italy, with five of their European championship squad, lose 4-0 to Zambia in the Olympic preliminaries. Kalusha Bwalya is the Zambian hat-trick hero. In contrast West Germany beat Tunisia 4-1, Sweden beat China 2-0 and Iraq beat Guatemala 3-0.

WEST GERMANY: Bottom club Hannover sack coach Jurgen Wahling. Former Hannover and West German international midfielder Hans Siemensmeyer takes over. Hannover have drawn three and lost five of their eight games so far.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

ACTION: Czechoslovakia beat Austria 4-2 in a friendly . . . Rumania beat Albania 3-0 in Constanta . . . and Romario scores a hat-trick for Brazil in their 3-0 Olympics beating of Australia.

ITALY: Holland skipper Ruud Gullit sprains his left ankle, training with Milan. Coach Arrigo Sacchi says he will miss the first two weeks of the league season and be doubtful for Holland's World Cup visit to West Germany.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

ACTION: In the World Cup, Switzerland win 4-1 in Luxembourg . . . in friendlies, East Germany lost 2-1 at home to Poland; Turkey beat Greece 3-1 in the first international between the countries for 39 years; West Germany beat the Soviet Union 1-0 in Dusseldorf . . . at the Olympics Sweden beat West Germany 2-1 to finish top of Group A; Italy beat Iraq 2-0 to squeeze into the second qualifying place behind Zambia in group B . . . in the South American club cup, Penarol and San Lorenzo draw 0-0 in a third round, first leg tie.

BELGIUM: Anderlecht beat champions Brugge 1-0 to maintain their goal-difference advantage over Mechelen at the top of the table.

HOLLAND: Struggling Ajax sack coach Kurt Linder. Former Luxembourg international Spitz Kohn is promoted as caretaker.

ITALY: Roma, already in crisis before the league season has even begun, are knocked out of the cup after a surprise 1-0 defeat by second division Ancona. Of their three imports, only Rudi Voller plays (poorly). Renato is out injured and Andrade at the Olympics with Brazil.

PORTUGAL: Benfica's new Brazilians, centre back Ricardo and midfielder Valdo, are suspended by FIFA until October 2 (the end of the Olympics) because the Portuguese club refused to release them for the Olympics. FIFA criticises Benfica for breaking the terms of the players' contracts but also criticises the Brazilian confederation for leaving the protest so late.

SPAIN: Real Madrid beat Barcelona 2-0 in the first leg of the Supercup. Michel and Hugo Sanchez score the goals which put Madrid back in the winning groove after draws in all three opening league games. Barcelona leftback Julio Alberto is carried off with an injury to his left knee which could keep him out for three months.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

ACTION: At the Olympics the Soviet Union beat the United States more conclusively than the 4-2 scoreline suggests; Argentina beat hosts South Korea to join the Soviets as group C quarter-final qualifiers; Brazil and Nigeria qualify from group D . . . in the South American club cup, Newell's Old Boys are held 1-1 at home in Rosario by Nacional of Uruguay in a third round, first leg tie.

PORTUGAL: Benfica president Joao Santos flies from Lisbon to Seoul to make a personal protest about the suspensions of Valdo and Ricardo.

SWITZERLAND: Rangers are fined almost £4,000 by UEFA for incidents at their UEFA Cup home leg against GKS Katowice, they also have fullback John Brown banned for two games for ungentlemanly conduct in throwing down the GKS physio's medical bag.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

FRANCE: Niort, of the second division, fall foul of Sheffield Wednesday over their plan to sell Lee Chapman back to another English club. Niort say they cannot raise the £290,000 fee set by a UEFA tribunal. Wednesday demand that Chapman's registration be returned to them.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

SOUTH KOREA: Statistics released by the Olympic Games organisers show that the first round football matches pulled in 483,000 fans — making football the best-attended sport of the Games so far.

SPAIN: Barcelona draw 1-1 at home to Osasuna with Gary Lineker making his first appearance of the season after illness as a second-half substitute.

SWITZERLAND: Some 72 fans are arrested by police after crowd trouble at the end of the second division match between Basel and Zurich . . . Gaby Marchand of Bellinzona is sent off only 23 seconds after coming on as a substitute in the 61st minute of the 2-1 defeat by Aarau. Marchand's 'crime' is to pull down Adrian Knup as he homes in on goal.

WEST GERMANY: Bayern Munich's Sweden striker Johnny Ekstrom is sent off in a 4-0 win over the amateurs of Hoisfdorf in a second round cup-tie. Eck (two), Wohlfarth and Kogl score Bayern's goals.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

ACTION: Quarter-final day at the Olympics sees success for the Soviet Union (3-0 against Australia), West Germany (4-0 against Zambia), Brazil (1-0 against Argentina) and Italy (2-1 against Sweden after extra time).

BULGARIA: A hat-trick for Penev as CFKA beat Cherno More 6-2.

GREECE: Panathinaikos striker Dimitris Saravakos, just suspended for two European club games by UEFA, is sent off again — this time in Pana's 1-0 defeat by local rivals AEK. Christos Vasilopulos of AEK is also sent off as his team take a goal-difference lead at the top of the table. Title favourites Olympiakos lose 2-1 away to OFOI Crete.

HOLLAND: The Ajax crisis goes on, with a 3-1 defeat away to promoted RKC. Goals by Kieft, Koeman and Vanenburg bring champions and leaders PSV a 3-0 win over Veendam. A goal from Johnny Metgod helps Feyenoord recover from 2-0 down to beat Fortuna Sittard 4-2.

PORTUGAL: Big-spending Sporting go top with a 4-3 win over Vitoria Setubal; previous leaders Belenenses slip to a 2-1 defeat by Farense. Benfica's new Angolan midfielder Vata Matanu Garcia scores his sixth goal in six games but the Lisbon giants are held 1-1 by Maritimo of Funchal.

SPAIN: Real Madrid win their first league game in four, goals from Hugo Sanchez providing a 2-0 away win over Betis.

TURKEY: The Toni Schumacher success story goes on as the German goalkeeper defies Galatasaray and their eight-goal Golden Boot-winning top scorer, Tanju Colak, in a 1-0 win for table-topping Fenerbahce. In six games Schumacher has still conceded just one goal.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

ENGLAND: The FA claim that Screensport plans to screen delayed recordings of Spanish league games are breaking FIFA regulations. Screensport's Chris Howland says: "We have an agreement with the Spanish FA to allow us to show these matches here and I don't see any threat to existing TV coverage of English football." FA spokesman Glen Kirton says an explanation will be sought from the FEF.

HOLLAND: Now the Ajax directors, led by president Tom Harmsen, quit — blaming threats of violence from fans angered at the Amsterdam club's decline since Johan Cruyff's departure at the start of the year. Ajax secretary Jan Neefjes says: "We fear for the safety of the board members, the technical staff and the players and all their families."

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

ACTION: Soviet Union beat Italy 3-2 after extra time in the Olympic semi-finals and now face Brazil, who beat West Germany 3-2 on penalties after a 1-1 draw.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

ACTION: France beat Norway 1-0, thanks to a late Jean-Pierre Papin penalty, in their World Cup qualifier in Paris . . . Denmark beat Iceland 1-0 in a Copenhagen friendly . . . in the Cup-winners' Cup, Avenir Beggen lose a first round, first leg tie 3-1 at home to holders Mechelen — for whom ex-Ajax star John Bosman opens the scoring.

BRAZIL: Vasco da Gama prepare for the Romario auction. President Antonio Soares Calcada says: "We have had many offers but none match the value we place on him. We shall do all we can to try to keep him as well as Geovani, both of whom we consider, in principle, as intransferable.

HOLLAND: The Ajax council of members nominates a five-man emergency committee to run the club while a new board is formed.

ITALY: Alexander Zavarov makes up for a disastrous debut by scoring both Juventus' goals in the 2-0 cup victory away to Brescia . . . despite two goals from Lothar Matthaus, Inter lose 4-3 at home to Fiorentina . . . two goals, also, for Diego Maradona in Napoli's 4-0 victory at Modena . . . Bologna, having failed to complete the signing of Salvatore Bagni from Napoli, take Finland's Mika Aaltonen on loan from Internazionale (though he has been playing in Switzerland for Bellinzona); they also borrow Juventus starlet Angelo Alessio and buy the San Marino-born midfielder Bonini.

PORTUGAL: Vitoria Guimaraes beat FC Porto 2-0 in the first leg of the Supercup — and it could have been more but for the fine display of 'forgotten' Porto goalkeeper Ze Beto. He is deputising for Jozsef Mlynarczyk, who fractured a shoulder in training . . . Porto loan Brazilian Raudnei to Spanish second division club, Coruna.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

AUSTRIA: Sturm Graz sign up Yugoslav coach Otto Baric, recently forced out at Rapid Vienna.

ENGLAND: Paul Davis of Arsenal is banned for nine matches for a punch which breaks the jaw of Southampton's Glenn Cockerill — and which is captured by the ITV cameras.

SPAIN: Bernd Schuster's first return to Nou Camp since his controversial transfer is a success as Real Madrid, despite losing 2-1 on the night, collect the Spanish Supercup 3-2 on aggregate. Barcelona, upset by an early goal from Butragueno which appears offside, hit back with two goals from Baquero. Leo Beenhakker flies back in time for the match after travelling to Amsterdam following the death of his mother . . . Atletico Madrid president Jesus Gil denies reports that Paulo Futre will be sold back to his original club, Sporting Lisbon.

SWITZERLAND: Luzern's star Icelander, Sigurdur Gretarsson, decides to seek advice on his persistent knee trouble from the Bayern Munich club doctor, Muller-Wohlfarth.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

ACTION: West Germany easily beat Italy 3-0 in the Olympic Games' bronze medal play-off — Klinsmann, Klepping and Schreier score the goals.

EGYPT: Eugenio Bersellini, former coach to Internazionale, is offered the job of national manager of Egypt.

ITALY: Torino call off their signing of Napoli striker Bruno Giordano — just as he is about to put pen to paper — after protests from coach Gigi Radice and the Torino players . . . Diego Maradona is fined £2,500 by the federation's disciplinary commission for his verbal attack on the referee after Napoli's cup defeat by Bari.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

ACTION: The Soviet Union win Olympic gold, beating Brazil 2-1 in extra time in Seoul thanks to goals from Dobrovolski (penalty) and Savichev after Romario gives Brazil a half-time lead. Tatarchuk and Edmar are sent off in the last ten minutes. Consolation for Brazil, apart from the silver medal (as in Los Angeles) is that Romario is crowned as seven-goal tournament top scorer.

ARGENTINA: National manager Carlos Bilardo includes the Lazio (Rome) forward Gustavo Abel Dezotti in his squad for the anniversary friendly against Spain in Seville.

SPAIN: Atletico Madrid win their first match of the league campaign, beating Cadiz 3-0 with a hat-trick from Brazilian centre forward Baltazar.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

BELGIUM: Zambian Olympic hero Kalusha Bwalya returns to league action, scoring one of Cercle's two goals in their victory over Charleroi.

BRAZIL: In the national championship Portuguesa surprisingly beat Cruzeiro 5-2 to go top in group A while Vasco da Gama hold on to their lead in group B despite their first defeat, by 1-0 to Vitoria..veteran defender Edinho scores both goals in Fluminense's 2-1 defeat of Cruz of Recife.

GREECE: Another defeat for Olympiakos — this time 1-0 at home to PAOK and despite the league debut of Lajos Detari after his knee surgery. Stefan Borbokis scores the only goal, three players are sent off and four policemen are injured in scuffling between fans after the game outside the Olympic stadium. No arrests are made.

PORTUGAL: Sporting are held goalless away to Amadora so Benfica (3-0 winners over Farense) and Porto (3-1 winners over Maritimo) pull level on points, with Benfica the new leaders on goal difference. Vata is again among the Benfica scorers, to keep up his goal-a-game scoring rate (now seven).

SPAIN: Howard Kendall's Bilbao beat Espanol 1-0 with a goal from Genaro Andrinua to stay one point clear of Barcelona (4-0 against Gijon), Celta and Logrones. Real Madrid are one further point back after winning 3-1 at Oviedo with goals from Butragueno (two) and Michel.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

ITALY: The tax inspectorate announces, after a seven-month inquiry, that Udinese was used between 1983 and 1985 to illegally export £7 million (worth £500,000 to the taxman) via the transfers of four Brazilian players — Zico, Edinho, Marcelo and Batista. President at the time was the industrialist Lamberto Mazza, who also headed a financially-stricken Zanussi domestic appliance operation. Tax investigators allege that amounts far in excess of those owed to the players were moved abroad and then salted away in foreign bank accounts.

WEST GERMANY: Hamburg win 4-1 away to Nurnberg in a postponed league game.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

ACTION: In the Champions' Cup first round, second leg, Monaco beat Valur of Iceland 2-0; in the Cup-winners' Cup Eintracht Frankfurt beat Grasshopper Zurich 1-0.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

ACTION: The vast majority of European first round, second leg ties are completed — with the exception mostly of those clubs who were given special dispensation to delay their matches because players were involved in the Olympic Games in Seoul.

ITALY: Ferruccio Valcareggi, veteran manager who guided Italy to the 1970 World Cup Final, is offered the job of national manager in Kenya.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

ACTION: Marco Van Basten scores four as Milan thrash Vitosha 5-2 in the Champions' Cup; in the Cup-winners' Cup, Sampdoria beat Norrkoping 2-0 with the winner from Gianluca Vialli; in the UEFA Cup, PAOK of Salonika go out after being held 1-1 at home by Napoli.

BRAZIL: Romario, Vasco da Gama's seven-goal top-scoring Olympic hero, is sold — surprisingly — to European champions PSV Eindhoven for £3million. Romario's terms include a £700,000 signing-on fee from PSV plus £300,000 from Vasco, £3,000-a-month, a car, home plus five first class return air tickets to Rio each year. The deal makes Romario the most expensive Brazilian player of all time — more expensive than Zico, who cost Udinese £2.7 million from Flamengo in 1983.

SPAIN: Jose Maria Maguregui quits as coach to Atletico Madrid after the UEFA Cup elimination by Groningen.

WEST GERMANY: Bottom club Hannover sign Dieter Schatzschneider, former Hamburg spearhead, from Sturm Graz of Austria. Schatzschneider first made his name with Hannover in the second division at the start of the 1980s . . . Franz Beckenbauer names this national squad for the vital World Cup match against Holland: Illgner, Kopke; Brehme, Buchwald, Fach, Herget, Kohler, Reuter, Schulz; Hassler, Hermann, Matthaus, Rolff, Thon; Klinsmann, Littbarski, Mill, Riedle, Voller.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

ACTION: FK Austria beat Zhalgiris Vilnius 5-2 to earn a place in the second round of the UEFA Cup.

SPAIN: National manager Luis Suarez names this squad for the federation's 75th anniversary friendly against Argentina in Seville: Zubizarreta, Ablanedo; Chendo, Patxi Salinas, Sanchis, Andrinua, Lopez Recarte, Ferreira, Quique Sanchez; Michel, Martin Vazque, Beguiristain, Roberto; Butragueno, Julio Salinas, Baquero . . . sources at Atletico Madrid confirm that Ron Atkinson, currently with English second division club West Bromwich Albion, is the man they want as new boss — now that an approach to Tottenham's Terry Venables has fallen through.

SWITZERLAND: The draw is made for the second round of the European club tournaments. Top of an attractive programme in the Champions' Cup is holders PSV Eindhoven against their predecessor, FC Porto.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

FRANCE: Marseille's 12-game unbeaten run is unceremoniously ended by a 3-0 defeat away to champions Monaco. Marseille drop from top to third because of goals by Hoddle, Weah and Fofana. Auxerre and Paris Saint-Germain are now joint top with 30 points apiece.

SPAIN: Barcelona go top thanks to a 1-0 win over Real Sociedad. Roberto's cross creates the eighth-minute opening for Julio Salinas to head home the only goal.

WEST GERMANY: The Bundesliga resumes normal service after the Olympic Games hiatus and Stuttgart win 2-0 at home to Eintracht Frankfurt to go top. Previous leaders Bayern Munich (their players wearing black armbands after the death of Bavaria Premier Franz Josef Strauss) are held goalless away to bottom club Hannover.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9

ACTION: Guatemala beat Canada 1-0, thanks to a 21st-minute penalty by Byron Perez, in the World Cup qualifiers.

BELGIUM: The top of the table duel ends in a goalless draw between Anderlecht and Mechelen.

FINLAND: HJK Helsinki secure the championship. At the end of the play-off series they are nine points clear of Kuusysi Lahti — whose striker, Ismo Lius, is league top scorer for the third time with 22 goals. PPT of Pori are relegated and KuPs of Kuopio must play off against second division promotion rivals Jaro or MyPa.

GREECE: Lajos Detari lays on the only goal for Kiriakos Karatiades as Olympiakos win 1-0 away to Panionios.

HOLLAND: A shock as Ajax beat PSV 2-0 in Amsterdam with goals from Rob Witschge (49 minutes and 84, penalty).

ITALY: The new Italian season opens with champions Milan looking as confident as ever in a 4-0 victory over Fiorentina which sees a hat-trick for veteran Pietro Paolo Virdis. Juventus win 3-0 at Como, with all the goals coming in the first 32 minutes — two of them initiated by Alexander Zavarov and one being Michael Laudrup's first in the championship since March, 1987. An injury-time goal from Roberto Giacchetta brings Napoli a 1-0 win over Atalanta . . . but there is hooligan trouble at Milan, Ascoli, Pisa and Pescara — where 30 people, including six police, are hurt in fighting in one stand during the game against Roma.

PORTUGAL: Benfica underline their revival thanks to a 1-0 away win over early-season league leaders Belenenses. The only goal is a Fernando Chalana penalty.

SPAIN: Real Madrid beat Zaragoza 4-0 — their best win so far. But success proves costly as Bernd Schuster, scorer of one of Madrid's goals, is sent off after a clash with Juan Senor . . . a 2-0 defeat by Elche prevents Bilbao regaining their league lead . . . on a black weekend for discipline no fewer than six players are sent off in first and second division games and 65 are booked.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

GREECE: A 'hooligan' court in Salonika finds ten fans guilty of vandalism during the UEFA Cup match against Napoli. They are sentenced to jail terms ranging from 14 to 27 months.

NORWAY: Manager Ingvar Stadheim includes 20-year-old chess grand master Simen Agdestein in this squad for the friendly against Italy: Thorstvedt, By Rise; Bratseth, Kojedal, Giske, Gulbrandsen, Halle, J.I.Jakobsen, Johnsen, Lokken, Osvold, Rekdal, Soerloth, Berg, Agdestein, Brandhaug.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

ACTION: Werder Bremen surprise even themselves, reversing their Champions' Cup tie with Dynamo Berlin thanks to a 5-0 victory, which gives the West Germans a 5-3 aggregate success . . . in the UEFA Cup Tatabanya beat Stuttgart 2-1 but lose 3-2 overall.

FINLAND: National manager Jukka Vakkila names this squad for the World Cup-tie against Wales: Laukkanen, Huttunen; Petaja, Europaeus, Lahtinen, Holmgren, Myyry, Ukkonen, Hjelm, Paatelainen, Rantanen, Lipponen, Lius, Kanerva, Pekonen, Aaltonen.

SOVIET UNION: Match of the Season sees second-placed Kiev Dynamo win 2-0 at home to league leaders Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk, cutting their lead to one point with five games to go.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

ACTION: In the World Cup, Turkey are held 1-1 at home in Istanbul by Iceland . . . in friendlies, Belgium lose 2-1 in Antwerp to Brazil, for whom skipper Geovani scores both goals; Malta beat Cyprus 1-0 in a battle of the friendly minnows in Limassol; Sweden and Portugal draw 0-0 in Gothenburg, watched by England boss Bobby Robson . . . and Spain and Argentina draw 1-1 in the Spanish federation's 75th anniversary game in Seville . . . in the second leg of the 1988 European under-21 final, France beat Greece 3-0 in Besancon to win 3-0 on aggregate . . . Newell's Old Boys qualify for the final of the South American club cup thanks to a 2-1 (3-1 overall) victory over San Lorenzo. Their opponents will be Nacional of Montevideo, who beat America of Cali 1-1 (2-1 overall).

SPAIN: Ron Atkinson agrees his two-year deal (reported as worth £500,000) with Atletico Madrid. Atkinson says: "I rejected their initial request but then they came up with an offer I couldn't possibly refuse."

SWITZERLAND: The Swiss World Cup squad to face Belgium is named as follows: Brunner, Corminboeuf; Geiger, Tschuppert, Mottiez, Martin Weber, Birrer, Scheoull; Favre, Hermann, Andermatt, Colombo; Alain Sutter, Beat Sutter, Turkyilmaz and Brigger.

WEST GERMANY: Bayern Munich are surprisingly held 1-1 at home in the league by Borussia Dortmund.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

SPAIN: Atletico Madrid president Jesus Gil, in Marbella, confirms the signing of Ron Atkinson as coach plus aide Colin Addison.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

BELGIUM: Michel Preud'homme's injury against Brazil — he broke his nose in a collision with Stephane Demol — means national manager Guy Thys names this squad for the World Cup tie against Switzerland: Bodart, Vande Welle; Gerets, Grun, Demol, Clijsters, Versavcel, Emmers; F.Van der Elst, Scifo, Vervoort, Nilis, Ceulemans; Ployie, Severeyns, Veyt, Vercauteren.

BRAZIL: Socrates, one of the Brazil's great midfielder, comes out of retirement after just 16 months to sign a one-year contract with Santos. Socrates, 34, does so despite opposition from his wife, Regina. Socrates says: "I was invited to give it another try. After thinking it over I decided I might as well take up this new challenge. Money was not important. More important is the personal challenge to get back to the top."

FRANCE: Manager Henri Michel names the squad which beat Norway to do battle with Cyprus in Nicosia. Players: Bats, Martini; Amoros, Boli, Casoni, Kastendeuch, Sonor; Bravo, Dib, Vercruysse, Passi, Rohr, Sauzee; Paille, Papin, Xuereb.

SWITZERLAND: UEFA's European championship organising committee recommends awarding the 1992 finals to Sweden rather than Spain. A decision will be taken by the executive committee in December.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

ACTION: Canada surprisingly fail to reach the final round of the North/Central America World Cup qualifiers — beating Guatemala 'only' 3-2 in Burnaby, British Colombia, and losing out on the away goals rule (3-3 aggregate). In a thrilling finale Canada battle back after being 2-0 down with half an hour to go.

FRANCE: Auxerre lose 1-0 in Nice so Paris SG (2-0 winners away to derby neighbours Racing) go top.

ITALY: Ruud Gullit confirms he expects to miss the World Cup qualifying showdown between West Germany and Holland in Munich . . . uncapped Roberto Baggio (Fiorentina) and Nicola Berti (Inter) are included in Italy's squad for the friendly against Norway in Pescara. Squad: Zenga, Tacconi; F.Baresi, Maldini, Bergomi, Ferr, Ferrara, Francini; De Agostini, De Napoli, Ancelotti, Baggio, Giannini; Donadoni, Vialli, Mancini, Rizzitelli, Berti.

SWITZERLAND: UEFA's club tournament punishments include a £9,000 fine on PAOK Salonika for missile-throwing by fans during the UEFA Cup-tie against Roma.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

ACTION: El Salvador join United States, Guatemala and Costa Rica — in the final stages of the CONCACAF qualifiers — after beating Curacao (Netherlands Antilles) 5-0 (6-0 on aggregate) in San Salvador.

ITALY: Alexander Zavarov scores his first league goal for Juventus in a 2-2 draw with Cesena; but Napoli lose 1-0 at Lecce.

PORTUGAL: Benfica win 2-0 at Fafe to push a point clear of Sporting and Porto. Vata scores the 88th minute goal which secures victory. Porto beat early-season leaders Belenenses 1-0, Rui Aguas shooting in after a penalty by Rabah Madjer rebounds off the bar.

SPAIN: New boss Ron Atkinson arrives just in time to see Atletico Madrid thrash Espanol 6-1. Brazilian centre-forward Baltazar scores four times as Atletico move up to ninth in the league . . . at the top of the table Barcelona beat Betis 3-0 and Real Madrid beat Valladolid 1-0 away.

WEST GERMANY: Franz Beckenbauer recalls Italian-based Thomas Berthold to his World Cup squad against Holland to replace Stefan Reuter, who tore a leg muscle in a national training match the previous day.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

BELGIUM: The Heysel stadium trial of 26 British fans, former Belgian FA secretary and two senior police officers, opens in Brussels despite two bomb hoax calls.

ENGLAND: Denmark and Liverpool's Jan Molby is jailed for three months, banned from driving for a year and fined £320 at Liverpool crown court, for reckless driving.

ITALY: Nazzareno Filippini, a 32-year-old Ascoli fan who should have been married on Saturday, dies in hospital as a result of head injuries suffered in fighting between Ascoli and Internazionale hooligans on the opening day of the Italian season eight days earlier.

SWITZERLAND: The draw is made for the finals of the inaugural five-a-side World Cup in Holland in January. Group A: Holland, Denmark, Paraguay, Algeria; Group B: Hungary, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Spain; Group C: Japan, Belgium, Canada, Argentina; Group D: Italy, Zimbabwe, United States, Australia.

WORLD SOCCER DIARY

GUIDE TO PLAYERS

THOSE readers familiar with the traditional Panini Italian football yearbook will not be disappointed in hopes that the first British counterpart contains the same unique player index.

The Panini Football Yearbook 1988-89 (edited by Peter Dunk; Panini Publishing, Panini House, 116-120 Goswell Road, London EC1V 7QD; £7.95) contains just that player-by-player season-by-season guide.

And, now that the postal strike has released the book for review, it's clear that the Panini book possesses one major advantage over the Rothmans 'bible' (with which all such books must be compared) in that this career who's who includes all Scottish as well as English players with league experience.

Where the concept is caught short is in making league appearances the criteria for inclusion. Thus new young players coming in this season are irritatingly absent — a problem overcome in the orthodox squad list format which includes all staff members.

Otherwise Panini includes all the usual sections — match-by-match line-ups and historical data from home and abroad (including that much-copied error that 'Marchal' was Real Madrid's first European Cup-winning inside right, rather than Ramon Marsal — probably one of the world's most hard-done-by footballers).

This may seem a little harsh on an attractive, well-packaged addition to the shelves of football yearbooks. But competition in this field is intense.

There are two front-running 'autobiographies' already in place for the Christmas market. One is Beardsley (by Peter Beardsley and Andy Cairns; Stanley Paul, Brookmount House, 62-65 Chandos Place, Covent Garden, London WC2N 4NW; £9.95). This contains an entertaining 'taster' on a footballer's life in the NASL but unfortunately slips into the tedious 'day-by-day' diary style in the middle of an otherwise readable book.

Lively

More fun is Mo — The Maurice Johnston Story (by Mo Johnston and Chick Young; Mainstream Publishing, 7 Albany Street, Edinburgh EH1 3UG; £5.95). This is a lively tale which reflects the Nantes striker in all his guises.

After all the tiresome, pretentious 'diplomacy' one comes across in so many football people it's refreshing to find someone writing: "That's what it's all about — making other people happy, and if you can have a ball yourself somewhere along the way then all the better."

One regular is back with us — the International Football Book No 30 (edited by 'Hallam Gordon'; Souvenir Press, 43 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3PA; £7.95). Nothing too deep and significant here either but, for all that, it's a bright and breezy skim across the surfaces of the major names and events of the past European year.

On the theory level is Soccer Tactics (by George Wilkinson; Crowood Press, Ramsbury, Marlborough, Wiltshire SN8 2HE; £7.95). Plenty of diagrams here covering a multitude of match situations which can no doubt be adapted quite freely. It's unfortunate that the first page of introduction provides fuel for those who feel that coaching theorists have too much say in the game.

As early as the third paragraph the author writes: "Winning: This is an ambiguous term . . . " Take away the concept of victory and you might as well shut up the goals and go play tiddlywinks.

On the video front we have Tor, an hour-long celebration of the goals and games in the finals of the European championship — completing the 'before-and-after' video twin-set produced by Worldmark and marketed in the UK by Virgin Vision (Portobello Dock, 328 Kensall Road, London W10).

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GIL BRINGS IN R TO HELP STEA REAL THUND

by KEIR RADNEDGE

THE NAME of Jesus Gil first hit the Spanish headlines just over 20 years ago. At lunchtime, in the restaurant of a property development which was his pride and joy, sales representatives of a major Spanish grocery chain had just sat down to lunch. A roar like thunder brought the entire building crashing to the ground.

Forty people died. An inquiry uncovered corner-cutting in design and building which amounted to criminal offences. Gil was sentenced to an 18-month jail term as the man who bore ultimate responsibility.

It was a sentence he never served. The Franco government granted clemency and Gil was free to go building his empire. With such success that he is now a millionnaire, builds luxury homes in Spain's most exclusive resorts and owns a large chunk of Marbella's famed "golden mile."

Rebuilding Atletico Madrid, however, may not be the straightforward money-no-object task for which Gil feels Ron Atkinson's track record at Manchester United suits him.

Atkinson and the Atletico job are no stranger to one another. In the late spring of 1987 his was the name flown in the club's presidential election contest by then vice-president Salvador Santos Campano.

At the end of March the club's long-serving, and long-suffering, president, Vicente Calderon, had died after suffering a stroke.

Twice in just over a decade he had taken over the club and straightened out the finances. Comparatively early in his reign his support for the club was recognised when their new stadium was christened the Estadio Vicente Calderon.

When Calderon first became involved with Atletico in the early 1960s they were then, as now, in the shadow of neighbours Real.

They had spent heavily in South America in the 1950s trying to buy a team to overthrow Real as kings of Europe. They came close, thanks to the Brazilian World Cup leader Vava, the Portuguese schemer Jorge Mendonca and an outstanding Spanish left-wing partnership in Joaquin Peiro and Enrique Collar.

But in the European Cup semi-finals of 1959 Atletico lost to Real so narrowly, in a play-off in Zaragoza. Under today's rules there would, of course, have been no play-off.

Atletico, beaten 2-1 away and 1-0 winners at home, would have gone into the final on the away goals rule. And, up against a fading Reims team, would probably have won it as well.

There would have been no fifth European Cup for Real; no legendary destruction of Eintracht Frankfurt at Hampden in 1960; no climactic, glorious page in history for Alfredo Di Stefano and Ferenc Puskas.

But that was nearly 30 years ago. The rules were different. Atletico were pushed back into the shadows to weave their schemes and dream. One of those dreams was to build a grand new stadium. Like Real; like Barcelona. The historic old Metropolitano was sold to developers and a new site found on the banks of the Manzanares.

Even here, things began to go wrong. Twice Atletico beat Real in the Spanish cup final. But, financially, winning the cup and competing in the fledgling Cup-winners' Cup, could not compare with winning the championship and cantering through the Champions' Cup.

Atletico ran out of money. Work on the 'Estadio Manzanares' was halted. Atletico, without a ground, had to rent the use of Real's Estadio Bernabeu for a year. That was the ultimate humiliation.

Enter Calderon.

The Metropolitano had yet to be demolished so he negotiated a stay of execution and, to the undying gratitude of the fans, brought Atletico home. At the same time he negotiated the loan from Real of a young forward named Ramon Moreno Grosso who stood in very effectively for a few months while the rest of the squad adjusted to the sale of Peiro to Italy's Torino.

Calderon used the cash from the sale of Peiro to get work going again on the new stadium and it was a proud day — as well as a relief — when Atletico finally moved in . . . just as the bulldozers were tearing down the Metropolitano.

Promises of a new era. The past was forgotten — the problems over the stadium right back to the immediate years after the Spanish civil war when Atletico had to merge with the air force sports club to survive. Ironically, as Atletico Aviacion, and coached by former great goalkeeper Ricardo Zamora, they had twice won the championship in the early 1940s.

But that was history. Atletico needed new achievements to fill their new stadium. Right on cue, in 1966, they toppled Real on a thrilling run-in to pip their neighbours to the championship. Yet even now their moment of glory was to be overshadowed. Real, quite improbably, won the Champions' Cup against all expectation, beating holders Internazionale in the semi-final and then Partizan of Belgrade in the final.

Thus the celebration images which dominated the end of the season were of Real in triumph with Atletico once again taking a back seat.

Over the next decade Atletico spent heavily trying to compete with Real and Barcelona in the domestic transfer market. When, in 1973, the federation eased a ban on import restrictions, so Atletico picked up a string of fine players such as the Argentines Ruben Hugo Ayala, Ramon Heredia and 'Panadero' Diaz. They also picked up, much more controversially, a well-known Argentine coach named Juan Carlos Lorenzo.

Atletico's problem, over the years, has been not only one of lack of success, but of image. Whereas Real, whatever the controversies over the likes of Juanito, somehow manage to maintain their whiter-than-white aura, poor old Atletico have forever made the wrong choices.

Perhaps, as the unfashionable neighbours, they do not have so many friends in influential places. But it cannot be denied that they have also made some unfortunate choices of personnel.

Lorenzo, for example, had been a controversial manager of Argentina at the 1966 World Cup in England. He would prove equally controversial at Atletico, sending out his players fired up with aggressive intent. The tactic reached its nadir in the Champions' Cup semi-finals of 1974 when Atletico had three players sent off and nine booked in a first leg against Celtic. The fact that Atletico went on to win the tie owed more to Celtic's failings than Atletico's strength.

In the final against Bayern Munich, Atletico were again pushed right to the brink of glory, then slapped in the face. Goalless at 90 minutes, it seemed the outcome was resolved when inside forward Luis curled a textbook free kick around the defensive wall and beyond Sepp Maier. Then, with seconds remaining, Bayern centre back Hans-Georg Schwarzenbeck tried a low, speculative shot which somehow skimmed into the bottom corner of the net for an equaliser. There was not even time to restart the game . . . and Atletico were then, of course, well beaten in the play-off.

Lorenzo had been living on borrowed time ever since the semi-final dust-up. A couple of disappointing results at the start of the following season and he was dismissed. As caretaker the club appointed former midfield star Luis. And of all the coaches Atletico have employed over the past ten years he has proved the best.

No fewer than four times has Luis stepped into the breach. Never with more success than that first time, in 1974-75, when Bayern Munich refused to face South American champions Independiente of Argentina for the World Club Cup. Atletico stepped in and defeated Independiente themselves. Luis was carried in triumph from the pitch on the shoulders of players and fans.

But the controversies and uncertainties — plus that neighbourly chip on the shoulder — began to wear down even Luis. Not surprisingly he suffered a nervous breakdown and had to resign. Several times since Luis has been back as caretaker — most recently at Calderon's request just under two years ago.

Two months after reappointing Luis, Calderon died. Family and friends put his collapse down to the pressures he had undergone just the week before in rushing to Brazil and back to sign the World Cup midfielder, Alemao. It is one of the sad ironies of the Atletico story that Alemao never fitted the schemes of any of the succeeding coaches and has been sold off this past summer to Napoli. Calderon's most costly sacrifice was allowed to go to waste.

RON AL DER

WELCOME to Madrid . . . Ron Atkinson meets his new president, Jesus Gil.

His death, of course, meant presidential elections and that meant the end of road for Luis. He knew that each candidate would want to agree prospective terms with some big name, so as to impress as many of the voting members as possible.

There were two main candidates, Gil and Santos Campano — once acting president Javier Castedo had declared no interest in the outcome of the voting. That left Santos Campano and Gil free to fly their wealthy flags up the election mast. Santos Campano made big play of a reported 'agreement' with Ron Atkinson should he win. But Gil, seizing on the happy coincidence of FC Porto's Champions' Cup final triumph, produced Portuguese starlet Paulo Futre as his rabbit out of a hat.

Gil also spent around £130,000 of his private fortune in promoting his campaign. No doubt he considered the investment well spent when the voting results showed he had collected 50 per cent of the votes cast.

New signings swiftly followed. In ten days Gil spent more than £3million. First he completed the Futre purchase for £2million plus the yellow Porsche which was Futre's personal demand; midfield prospect Eusebio arrived for £375,000 from Valladolid; Spain winger Marcos returned from Barcelona for a knockdown £75,000; and Real Sociedad's Roberto Lopez Ufarte was prised away from the Basque country for £350,000. Above all, Gil persuaded Cesar Luis Menotti to return from Argentina's Boca Juniors for another crack at the Spanish title.

Menotti had tried, and failed, with Barcelona in the Maradona years of the early 1980s. Now domestic upset in Buenos Aires made it convenient for him to turn his back on Boca.

The 1987-88 season began with a dispute between Futre and Menotti. The coach wanted his Portuguese star playing up at centre-forward, using his close control as near to the penalty box as possible. Futre didn't fancy it — and said so. It was the first of a series of niggling disagreements between the two men which eventually proved fatal.

In March this year the axe fell, immediately after a 3-1 home defeat by Real which virtually ended all Atletico's title hopes. Futre was sent off — and collected all the blame both for this defeat and for the season's ups and downs, in Menotti's farewell interview.

Gil named assistant coach Jose Armando Ufarte as caretaker and set about finding a new man to take over. He decided on Jose Maria Maguregui, who promptly walked out on Celta de Vigo and began surreptitious work with Atletico even though federation rules prevent a man coaching two teams in the same division during a season.

If Gil was not on top of the technical crisis he must have heard the rumours about the financial one. It was being whispered that Atletico, £6million in the red when Gil took over were now £10million in debt. There was open talk of how much Atletico could raise by selling Futre. But in the end Futre, so much an emblem of the Gil take-over, stayed and it was the likes of Eusebio and Julio Salinas who were sold off to Barcelona to raise cash.

Despite their departures hopes were high for this new season, only to be swiftly dispelled. Atletico lost their first three league matches and crashed out of the UEFA Cup to Groningen amid incredible confusion over the fitness of various players — a ridiculous storm which ended in the dismissal of the club doctor. He was just the first to go. Inevitably, Maguregui also paid the price of failure.

Given the proven success of British coaches in Spain in the past few years it was no surprise that Gil now looked to the Football League. His priority was Terry Venables. But once he had been given the brush-off by the Spurs boss he turned back to Atkinson — the man once championed by his presidential rival.

Suddenly the money not available for a coach earlier in the year was available. Atkinson was offered a two-year contract worth, even in Spanish football terms, an unnecessarily lucrative £525,000; there was a £200,000 two-year deal for his assistant, Colin Addison, and suggestions that Gil would be ready to pay £75,000 for the services of Graham Turner, the personable translator who had served Venables so loyally at Barcelona.

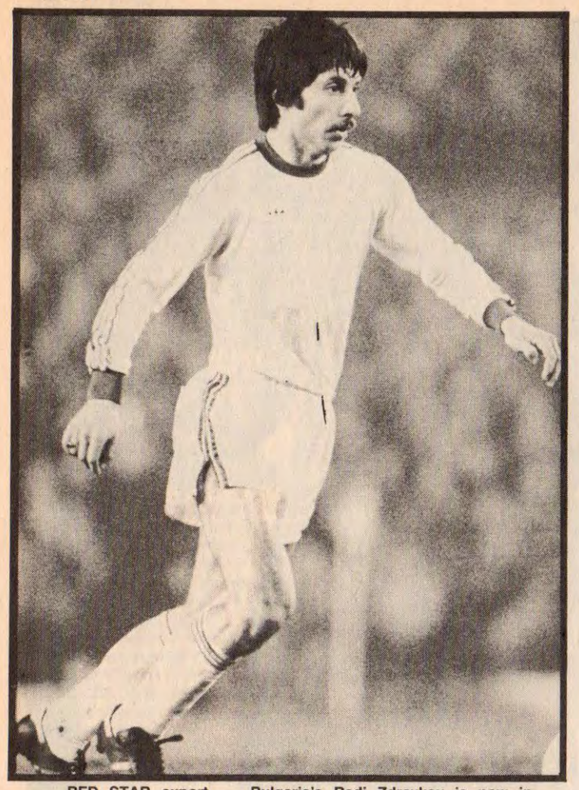
Atkinson flew in to watch Atletico on a rain-soaked Sunday afternoon which tempted out only 35,000 fans. What they saw was electrifying. Atletico thrashed Espanol, last season's UEFA Cup runners-up, by 6-1.

Like any new manager, Atkinson dutifully made the rounds: supporters' club, media and players.

He said: "My demands are the same as at all my previous clubs. I expect commitment, enjoyment and entertainment. Maybe there will be some differences from England but I have always tried to get my teams to perform in a manner which would be acceptable on the continent. I have also told the players they will all be given the chance to prove themselves before even thinking about new signings, especially from England."

Gil, particularly, is desperate to succeed. However, like other rich men, he is finding that throwing money at a football problem is no guarantee of success. Bernard Tapie, the industrialist, has found that out at Marseille; so has Ernesto Pellegrini, the pasta millionnaire, at Inter Milan.

Gil says: "I want work, work, work until I'm satisfied. My priority is to make us bigger than Real Madrid. They have 70 per cent of the support in this city and we have 30 per cent. I will not rest until it is 50-50. When we finish above Real I will be the boss of all Spain. I am impressed by Ron Atkinson's reputation as a winner with Manchester United. We wants success as badly as I do. he believes in hard work and dedication. We talk the same language but we must now wait and see."



RED STAR export ... Bulgaria's Radi Zdravkov is now in Portugal.

SREDETS MAKE EARLY RUNNING

BULGARIA

AFTER six weeks of the Bulgarian championship Sredets lead the league having ten points from six games.

The army side dropped their second point in the 'Sofia Derby' with Vitosha whom they were tipped to beat.

Despite the match being shown on television the Levsky Stadium was all but full. This seemed to give Sredets confidence on a slippery surface but they went behind after three minutes. Despite continuing to go forward, admittedly without much imagination, Sredets fell further in arrears with Dragolov scored again by dribbling round ex St-Etienne defender Dimitrov and cleverly lobbing Hoste.

From then on the match degenerated in to a spoiling battle which resulted in the red card for Sredet's Stroytchov and Vitosha's Petrov.

In the second half it was a different story with Sredets equalising through goals in the 47th and 57th minutes. A 16-minute failure of the floodlights permitted Vitosha some breathing space, the chance to regroup their ten men and preserve a point.

In the second place are Cerno More, the promoted club, on nine points, but with 17 goals less than Sredets and six less than third placed Etur. Loss of their leading striker, Redev, to Slavia, has clearly not helped but seven goals for and five against have so far yielded nine points. Lok and Vitosha stand respectively fourth and sixth but Slavia have only managed two goals, even with Radev, and will wish to improve on fourth from the bottom.

Three Sredets players appear in the top five on the goal scorers' chart, Gutov and Stroytchov have six each and Penev five.

The lack of success, in qualifying for neither Germany nor South Korea, coupled with modest returns in the first round of the European Cups, has meant no interruption to the league programme and away from the domestic scene all effort will be behind preparing for a better showing in the World Cup.

Despite the virtual if not de jure introduction of professionalism some years back, there is criticism that the quality of soccer played and the attitude of the performers remain amateur. Against AC Milan, Vitosha looked as if they had accepted defeat as inevitable before they started. A similar charge could be thrown at Pachev of Plovdiv who let himself be provoked in the tie with Minsk, leaving his colleagues to battle with ten men all the second half.

Slavia also played like amateurs gifting goals one more stupid than the other to Partizan Belgrade.

BOB VAUGHAN

BRONZE MEDAL IN OLYMPICS

WEST GERMANY . . . by ARTHUR ROTMIL

WEST GERMANY ran two separate national sides in the second-half of September.

While the "seniors" were beating European Championship runners up, the Soviet Union, by 1-0, the Olympic XI won the bronze medal in Seoul.

They could, and should, have reached the final but in the match with Brazil, Wolfgang Funkiel missed a penalty just seven minutes from the end when the scores were 1-1.

Worse was to follow in the penalty shoot-out when Janssen, Klinsmann and Wuttke all failed from the spot and thus handed the South Americans a place in the Final on a plate.

A subsequent 3-0 win over Italy and a bronze medal was some consolation for manager Hannes Lohr and his charges.

The engagement of two national sides has provided team chief Franz Beckenbauer with additional problems. He now must consider more players than ever before with claims to be included in his World Cup plans.

"Kaiser" Franz himself flew to Korea at the invitation of the Daimler- Benz motor company to see some of his candidates performing in the Olympics. Before that came the match against the USSR in Dusseldorf.

There the problems were, as expected, those of personnel. From the 18- man squad present for the World Cup qualifier in Finland (4-0), only six players were available.

Three others, who are in the squad, Wuttke, Mill and Klinsmann were detailed for the Games. Schemer Thon was injured while the Italian "legionaires" Matthaus, Brehme, Voller and Berthold were not released by their clubs.

In the circumstances, three former internationals were recalled: strikers Herbert Waas (Bayer Leverkusen) after ten caps and Thomas Allofs (Koln) with just one cap, plus sweeper Matthias Herget (Bayer Uerdingen) returning three months after a nasty clash in the European Championship semi-final against Holland.

Thomas Allofs, the younger brother of the established international Klaus (currently recovering from injury), suffered a bad injury in 1986 when he was badly fouled by Manni Kaltz (Hamburg).

He has been operated on three times and even thought of giving up football. But he began the season in style and was even leading the Bundesliga scorers' list.

In the 1-0 success over the Soviets, the biggest impression was made by newcomer Andreas Moller in midfield.

The 21-year-old from Borussia Dortmund overshadowed the other new caps, Gunter Hermann (Werder Bremen) and Knut Reinhardt (Bayer Leverkusen). Moller displayed bags of confidence, sent 40-yard passes, tried shooting from long range and just about booked his place in the first squad.

Herget, too, was in top form, Waas and Allofs on the other hand, were not convincing. Only 16,000 spectators — the second worst attendance at an international in this country — saw a really "friendly" match without much engagement and which the Germans won through an own goal.

The Bundesliga enjoyed a break between September 13 and October 8 because of the Olympics. On resumption, VFB Stuttgart took over alone at the top thanks to a 2-0 home win over cup holders Eintracht Frankfurt.

Bayern Munich, who won three days earlier, demolished the Polish army team Legia by 7-3 in a UEFA Cup tie in Warsaw, but must have left their shooting boots in the Polish capital for they could only draw 0-0 in Hannover.

Hamburg, 3-1 winners over VfL Bochum, made a big leap forward, while by contrast, Koln slumped from 8th to 13th place following a 1-0 defeat at Borussia Monchengladbach.

Gates were down at that stage — on average only 19,000 per match as compared to 24,000 at the corresponding number of games last season. Goals, too, were hard to come by — 216 in all, as against 276 at that point last term.

An interesting statistic shows that only four newcomers to the Bundesliga can be regarded as "super" buys.

The Yugoslav midfielder Srecko Katanec (VfB Stuttgart), who cost £430,000, is now supposedly worth £830,000. Olaf Thon (Bayern Munich), the international schemer acquired for £1.2 million, would now fetch £1.3 million.

Curiously, Stefan Reuter (Bayern Munich), a £1 million purchase, is now only rated at £830,000, but sweeper Jan Kocian (St Pauli), a snip at £60,000, is said to be priced at £330,000.

Among those described as "considerable reinforcements" are the Polish striker Marek Lesniak (Bayer Leverkusen) bought for £470,000, now worth £700,000; Michael Rummenigge (Borussia Dortmund) £430,000 and now £500,000; and the Senegalese Souleyman Sane (Nurnberg) £200,000 and now £270,000 whose value has improved rapidly, according to figures published by the country's top sports paper 'Kicker'.

Those who are listed as "big disappointments" include the international Swedish centre forward Johnny Ekstrom (Bayern Munich) who cost £730,000, but has apparently now "dropped" to £270,000.

CHAMPIONSHIP CHANGED-AGAIN!

SWITZERLAND

NO other country has been experimenting with new championship formulas in recent years as often as Switzerland.

It seems that the country with, reputedly, the best organised economy in the world is unable to find a system for deciding the league programme and indeed solving relegation issues to suit all the clubs.

The present method is again under fire because it demands a highly charged fixture list of 22 games between the end of July and beginning of December. It produces an enormous stress on the footballers, the majority of whom are part-timers and there is currently no other league in Europe which runs such a mini-marathon.

But the initial phase is only a prelude to the ultimate battles for honours. After the 22 games, the top eight clubs resume another programme of home and away matches having taken half the points total with them into the championship pool.

Apart from minor adjustments the present system will remain operative until 1990-91. This was confirmed at a general meeting of the National League, which also decided on a quite unexpected modification.

Most likely, as from next season, a third foreigner will be allowed in the league. That is bound to upset the national team manager Daniel Jeandupeux.

He already has serious selection problems because the Swiss not only allow two genuine foreigners now, but also those imported pros who have been playing football in their country for five years, plus those who live within 12 miles of the border.

DENMARK . . . by JIM HOLDEN

BRONDBY's European Cup dream died for another year in front of 24,000 fans at the Idraetsparken — killed off by a fellow Dane.

Kenneth Brylle, who plays for Belgian club FC Bruges, scored the vital goal only 10 minutes from time to have the last laugh on fans who found him an easy target.

Brylle has long been ignored by national team boss Sepp Piontek, despite Denmark's chronic lack of goals in recent internationals, and his return could hardly have been sweeter.

It meant a 2-1 defeat for Bruges in the second leg, but overall victory on the away goals rule having won the home leg 1-0.

Brondby's newest Danish international Bjarne Jensen was sent off for disputing the goal to add to the club's misery.

Strikes from Torben Frank and Bent Christensen had seemed to put them on the road to triumph which their superiority merited.

The Danish superclub are on course to win the domestic league again for the third time in four seasons, standing five points clear of the pack with six games left. So another chance beckons next season in the European Cup.

But, by then they are likely to be missing the three other Danish internationals in their defence. Stopper Kent Nielsen is coveted by Hannover 96 while libero Lars Olsen is poised to join Borussia Dortmund once the Danish season ends this month.

Goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel is also being hunted after showing potential in the European Championships.

Another Danish club to lose out on away goals in Europe was Ikast in the UEFA Cup. They beat Foto Net Vienna 2-1 at home, and could only rue the 1-0 away defeat.

BARIC MAKES A RAPID SWITCH

AUSTRIA . . . by ARTHUR ROTMIL

MANAGERIAL changes have made the headlines in Austrian football this past month.

The Yugoslav Otto Baric, 56, has left Rapid, whom he led to three championship and four cup wins and into the Cup Winners' Cup final in 1985.

Baric claims that personal reasons persuaded him to go, but Rapid's catastrophic start to the season has undoubtedly played a major part in his departure.

His place has been taken by his compatriot Vlatko Markovic, while Baric returned to manage his former club Sturm Graz where he had been in charge between 1980 and 1982.

That job became vacant when the former international Walter Ludescher decided to quit. The man who previously managed Austria Klagenfurt, but was for a time professor of English at a high school, has for some time been reviled by Graz supporters and on occasions even needed a police escort!

On the playing front, the talk is of the Yugoslav Jozo Bogdanovic, 28, who moved from Zagreb to Klagenfurt. His scoring exploits are all the more remarkable since he is virtually deaf and dumb.

Bogdanovic formerly played for Hajduk Split, before joining Dynamo Zagreb. Two year ago he was invited for a trial with West Germany's Kaiserslautern, but didn't get a contract.

His speech and hearing handicap has obviously frightened off prospective buyers.

But not according to Klagenfurt's team manager Walter Rath who claims: "Jozo is fast, skilful, two-footed and a lethal finisher. He became a deaf mute in childhood and there are no problems of understanding with his team mates."

In the championship, FK Austria are the favourites. Manager Gustl Starek, who as a player won league titles with Bayern Munich and Nurnberg in West Germany, has a team almost without a weak link. And his schemer Herbert Prohaska and Argentinian striker Jose Percudani are top class players.

FANS OUT IN FORCE

ALBANIA

FAVOURITES for the Albanian league title this season are 17 Nentori, Flamurtari and Partizani.

There is no change to the line-up of defending champions Nentori whose strongest assets, as in previous years, will be Minga and Kola.

Flamurtari have a new coach in Niqifor Thomai who, after three years as runners-up, will be hoping that this year brings better luck.

Their most distinguished players are Taho, Kushta and Bubeqi, all members of the international team.

After a year's suspension, Perlat Musta returns to the Partizani team (he was banned after the defeat by Benfica in Lisbon) as goalkeeping support to young stars Millo, Pano and Shehu.

Not without hopes are the rebuilt Dynamo.

On the first day of the championships, 20,000 fans saw traditional rivals Nentori and Partizani square up. In a brilliant first-half, Partizani scored three goals through Pano, Agalliu and Hasanpapa.

But in the second-half, Nentori's spirit reasserted itself and they scored twice.

That same first day saw 24 goals scored at an average of four per match, the highest total in 20 years.

The biggest wins — both 4-0 — were recorded by Flamurtari against Vllaznia (Bubeqi 43 and 67 minutes, Gjondeda 61 and Kushta 55) and by Apolonia, who outpaced Lokomotiva in Durres thanks to goals from Tole (10 and 62) and Thana (18 and 68). GEZIM NUSHI.

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AJAX NIGHTMARE

HOLLAND . . . by SIMON KUPER

AJAX AMSTERDAM are in turmoil. The club have sunk to their lowest position in the league table since 1964 with only five points from their first seven matches.

The terraces are empty. Kurt Linder, the new manager, has already been fired. The board of directors who appointed Linder resigned after angry Ajax supporters made physical threats to them.

And that same board has now been charged with creaming off money from past transfers.

Ajax's bad times began in December 1987, when Johan Cruyff resigned as manager. He had become fed-up with officious directors who meddled with footballing matters.

The entire Ajax squad signed a letter deploring Cruyff's departure. Their manager had done astonishingly well in his two-and-a-half years in Amsterdam. He brought Ajax the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1987, two Dutch Cups and two good second places in the league behind an invincible PSV.

Much more importantly, Cruyff had Ajax playing wonderfully skilful and attractive total football, the kind that he is now trying to bring to Barcelona.

When he left Ajax, this disciplined and cohesive style left with him. Ajax fell apart in the second-half of last season.

Their place in the Cup Winners' Cup Final — which they lost to Mechelen — only disguised this.

Linder, who took over as manager this season, was doomed from the start. He was the board's fourth choice for the job.

He had been out of football for years and had only been chosen because he is a personal friend of chairman Harmsen.

And he had to succeed Cruyff, a man with an unparalleled footballing brain whom the Ajax fans loved.

Throughout Linder's three-month reign, everybody mentally compared his every action with what Cruyff had done.

As even Linder had to admit: "Cruyff IS Ajax."

Ajax have won four European club cups — three times when Cruyff was playing for them and once with him as manager. Cruyff is actually more famous than Ajax!

Linder made his difficult task impossible by choosing to play defensive football. He fielded only two strikers, and in away games, he looked for a draw (which, incidentally, he never managed to get).

The counter-attack has always been as foreign to Ajax as possession football is to Ireland. Linder claims that total football is outdated. Didn't he watch Holland in the European Championships?

Jan Wouters, the club's only current international and a highly intelligent footballer, summed up the players' objections to Linder's philosophy: "I believe in playing with three strikers and on the opponents' half (as Ajax did under Cruyff).

"We lose our aggression, our power, when we play defensively. That just isn't our game.

"We're at our best when we put the opposition under pressure and over-run them."

A team-mate of Wouters agreed: "Linder wants Ajax to play like the rest of Europe but he forgets that that's not Ajax's style."

Ajax chairman Harmsen tried in vain to defend defensive football: "And how about three years of pressure football? That produced nothing either. Nothing at all!"

Does Harmsen really believe that Cruyff achieved nothing?

However, Harmsen eventually commanded Linder to play with three strikers, at home against Roda Kerkrade.

Ajax only managed a draw and Linder had to go. A week and two defeats later, the board had followed him.

Linder's assistants Spitz Kohn and Barry Hulshoff have taken over from the West German. They also filled in when Cruyff left last season but neither Kohn nor Hulshoff will get the job on a permanent basis.

Ajax are hoping that Cruyff will come back. His contract with Barcelona is only for one year and Cruyff's family want to live in Holland.

Also, Cruyff feels deeply attached to Ajax. He was born a few hundred yards from the club's stadium and his grandmother knitted him his first Ajax kit when he was three-years-old.

He joined Ajax at the age of 12 but even then, he already knew the club inside out.

Jan Wouters says that if it were up to him, Cruyff would return today. Ajax's fans are chanting "We want Johan back" and the board with which he quarrelled has left and is actually facing trial for criminal offences.

After all that, Ajax's 2-0 win over PSV was the shock result of last month and provided some relief for the Amsterdammers after their dreadful start.

In a normal year, Ajax would have been expected to win a home match against Holland's only other top club. Not so this season, what with all their great problems — both on and off the field — and PSV falling only slightly short of their customary level.

Only 8,000 were at the match, which in other years has drawn 50,000. On the Wednesday before the PSV game, Ajax had disenchanted their few remaining fans by losing 1-2 at home to Sporting Lisbon in the UEFA Cup.

Elimination

Ajax's elimination from this tournament means that for the first time in three years, the club have failed to reach the Final of a European club competition.

PSV's defeat at Ajax allowed unfashionable Twente Enschede to move within a point of them at the top of the table.

Twente are a testimony to what a sound and thoughtful policy can do for a club. Last year they finished third in the league, although a long way behind Ajax and PSV.

Twente have no internationals — although many people believe that sweeper Fred Rutten should be one.

The side was assembled cheaply and consists largely of young players from the region of Twente, which is in the east of Holland.

Win or lose, Twente always play the same disciplined system. The managerial duo of Kees Rijvers and Theo Vonk take no hasty decisions.

They have been in charge for just over two years but look set to stay for another decade.

Yet Twente have two big problems. The first is their boring image. There are few conflicts at the club, few "characters" among the players and, most importantly, the tactical system is rather defensive.

Twente scored just 11 goals and conceded only four in their first eight league matches.

Twente's other problem is that their best players always leave for richer clubs. This year, young midfielder Ron Willems joined Ajax and goalkeeper Theo Snelders went to Aberdeen.

Willems has hardly played for Ajax so far because of injury but Snelders has more than satisfied the Dons.

At first, it was doubtful whether he (or indeed anyone) could replace Jim Leighton, the Scottish goalkeeper who doesn't play like a Scottish goalkeeper.

Snelders has made such an impact that the Scottish press are now talking about Jim Who?

Another goalkeeper, the Dane Birger Jensen, has just made his debut in Dutch football — at the age of 37.

Jensen joined RKC Waalwijk from Lierse shortly after the season started but he has spent most of his career with Club Brugges.

Jensen was far and away the best Danish goalkeeper of his generation but played only 24 internationals. This was due to a clash he had with Denmark manager Sepp Piontek in 1981.

While Jensen has just arrived in Holland from Belgium, another veteran has gone the other way — Ben Wijnstekers, the Feyenoord fullback who captained Holland until 1985.

Wijnstekers, a tough competitor and a hard tackler, has joined RC Malines to try and lift them from the bottom of the Belgian First Division. It is the first move of his career — he came to Feyenoord in his teens.

AJAX goalkeeper Stanley Menzo.

FERENCVAROS SETBACK

HUNGARY

FOLLOWING the Hungarians' European Cup disappointments it was back to the fifth week of the championship which surprisingly saw Ferencváros held at Haladas in normal time and beaten on penalties.

Honvéd recorded their first win, against Videoton, but only thanks to a penalty three minutes from the end. At the bottom Újpest could not put it together, yet again, and lost in the shoot out to Vasas, the score at 90 minutes being 1-1

A week later the Üllöi utca was full, with 30,000 present to see their 'Fradi' take on stumbling champions, Honvéd, currently in the bottom half of the table, and go top for the first time for many a month.

Football is not exactly science and contrary to expectation it was the Army team which made the running to win 3-0, a victory greeted in silence by the disappointed locals. Nevertheless Ferencváros stay in second place, two points ahead of Videoton.

As surprising as Honvéd's win was the renewed failure of Újpest. The Dózsa club from Budapest's North can do nothing right and the latest disaster was losing at home to promoted Veszprem. Dózsa are currently last on just one point and only the other promoted clubs, Bekescsaba and Dunaujvaros, on two and five points are doing anything like as badly.

After sixty four championship matches no fewer than 98 penalties have been taken after drawn games to decide who takes the two points from the tie break on the shoot out!

On the international front a friendly with Iceland is on the agenda. György Mezey needs a good result against Sigi Held and, more importantly, the Northern Irish. He is contracted for five years but changes can happen quickly in Hungarian football. This season one famous name has already gone. Former star manager at Újpest, János Göröcs, has resigned and his assistant József Varga has taken over.

BOB VAUGHAN

IT'S NO JOKE FOR UNHAPPY CARLOS

FRANCE . . . by ANDRE DUCLOS

LET us hope that, by the time you read this, things will be going better for Carlos Valderrama. Goodness knows that they could hardly be going much worse.

How ironic that the excellent Paraguayan international Cabanas, who caused Brest so much trouble last season before they at last got him out of Colombia, seems to have settled in comfortably (after a longer period it's true) while things have gone so awry for Valderrama.

He has been unable to gain a place in the Montpellier team. The Colombian clubs were so upset about his failure that they actually got together and agreed that they would not buy him back.

What they are afraid of is that if the blond, curly-haired Valderrama flops in France, no more Colombian players will be exported to Europe. Strange to say, he is the first.

Whether a player from a far-away non-European country will settle down must always be, to a large extent, a matter of chance. No-one who saw Valderrama display his astonishing skills against England at Wembley will have any doubt about the Colombian's great gifts; talents which had already been shown the previous summer to huge effect in the South American Cup tournament in Argentina.

Montpellier are obviously disappointed that things have not worked out. A Valderrama at his notable best might have gained them a better result than they got in the first leg of their UEFA Cup first round tie with Benfica.

It meant that, though they had run into fine form immediately before the return in Lisbon, thrashing Monaco 4-1, they had given themselves altogether too steep a hill to climb.

It has certainly turned out to be a keenly fought and unpredictable championship. Even Auxerre, surprising pace- setters, were obliged to bite the dust at newly-promoted Sochaux when, after a splendid see-saw game, Stephane Paille, now established as the French international centre-forward, got the goal which gave the home side a 3-2 victory.

Caen have been one of the surprise packets. After their dreadful beginning in which nothing seemed to go right — the defence looked like a colander, N'jo Lea, one of their expensive new centre-forwards, did little or nothing and poor Brian Stein was sidelined for months after a knee operation — suddenly the skies brightened.

The skills of Graham Rix in midfield have had something to do with this, of course, and he has been scoring some important goals as well as making them.

But it's the 21-year-old local lad Fabrice Divert who has been the true revelation. As the big striker continues to bang in the goals — one of them brought a much-needed away victory over Strasbourg — perhaps Caen are wondering why they spent so much money on new strikers when there was such an excellent one already on the staff.

A prophet in his own country, you might say.

For the French international team, the big crunch comes, of course, on November 19 when the formidable array of a rejuvenated Yugoslavia must be faced.

Will it contain Zoltan Vujovic, who has really found form this season with Cannes since his summer transfer from Bordeaux? As for France, how they have missed the strong presence of Luis Fernandez in midfield, as Matra Racing, his club, have missed him too.

By comparison, the return to form of the so-long unsettled Enzo Francescoli, that highly-gifted Uruguayan, has transformed Matra.

The last thing Bordeaux wanted was that 4-1 defeat at the Parc des Princes, a few days before their return European match against Dniepr.

Even if you might say that the short, sharp shock administered by Montpellier may have spurred Monaco towards that 2-0 win against Valur Reykjavik the following Tuesday, saving their face and sparing their blushes.

Popped

It was Papin who popped away the penalty which gave France an unconvincing win in Paris over Norway. The young centre-forward, who missed so many chances in Mexico in the last World Cup, is not, however, the most popular of figures with Abdei Pele, who claims that it was Papin who virtually drove him away from Marseille.

The talented Ghanaian striker, who burnt a blue streak before going to Marseille when he was a Second Division striker, has now joined Lille and looks back south with some bitterness.

"I feel a lot better here in Lille than at Marseille," said Pele.

"In fact, I couldn't stay down there any longer since Papin detested me. I clashed with him all the time.

"There were even blows during training. He is the boss of the team so I had to leave."

Better days for another talented African, however. Bouderbala, who was one of the most graceful players to be seen in Mexico in 1986 when playing for Morocco, has slotted into the Matra Racing attack, which is one more compensation for the long absence of Luis Fernandez.

Talking of absences, that highly intelligent Portuguese manager, Artur Jorge, has been many weeks away from Matra Racing, obliged to return to Portugal because of his wife's illness. Matra, however, have prolonged his contract.

One French international who seems full of juice and confidence this season — and it's just as well — is 22-year-old Basile Boli, the black centre-half of Auxerre.

An extrovert fellow, Boli says in one breath that the old dedicated pro-player no longer exists, that you don't get centre- forwards like the prolific Argentine Delio Onnis who come up and congratulate you after a game.

There's too much talk by players of their Porsches. On the other hand, Boli says that even if he eventually leaves the Auxerre club, he has promised to return "in 10 or 15 years" to run their youth scheme!

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

SPARTA have installed themselves in top spot in Czechoslovakia following a brace of draws but a return to form, notably at home, has established a point lead over eternal rivals Slavia.

Dukla managed to get off the bottom by beating fellow army side Banska Bystrica but this has pushed the third military team, RH Cheb, down to the 16th rung.

Dukla were the only side to live up to expectations in the European Cup tie with Luxembourg in the Grand Duchy. It should be a simple two points but there is the chance the Luxembourgers are due to come good and improve on their dismal record.

On the other hand Dr Vengloš will have been encouraged by the 4-2 win over the Austrians in Prague in the mid-September-friendly.

The Austrians had failed in Linz to repeat the early summer triumph in the Népstadion despite a largely unchanged team and the Czechs were without Knoflíček and Kubík, not surprisingly, but held a two goal advantage for most of a game watched by probably the smallest ever crowd, just 3,468, since the sides first met 63 years ago.

Then five Spartans, five from Slavia and Wimmer of Bohemians' forerunner, AFK Vršovice, ensured a 3-1 win in the first ever official 'A' encounter between the two countries. This time 4-2 was the final score, Luhovy and Bílek giving the hosts a 2-0 48th minute lead before Pacult reduced the arrears. Daněk then scored twice in thirteen minutes before Willfuerth made the result a little more respectable for Hickersberger.

Czech form will probably do for Luxembourg but the November visit of the Belgians will prove a sterner test.

BOB VAUGHAN

REAL IN THE LEAD

SPAIN . . . by DUNCAN SHAW

AFTER an anguished absence of almost two years, Barcelona returned to the top of the Spanish first division — only to be overtaken by Real Madrid.

A 3-2 defeat in the Estadio Bernabeu was Barca's first upset of the season as they succumbed to an 85th-minute goal from Paco Llorente.

Bilbao had been the original leaders, beating high spenders Sevilla and Atletico Madrid in the opening matches. But Barca were given the chance to take over the lead when Kendall's boys crashed 2-0 away to lowly Elche, the early goals coming from Claudio and Sixto.

The Basques clearly suffered from the absence of purposeful midfielder Joseba Aguirre, badly injured in a 2-0 UEFA Cup win over AEK Athens.

The night before, Barcelona had come through 1-0 in a televised match away to Real Sociedad. Interest was added to this reeat of last March's Cup Final by the return ot San Sebastian of Lopezf Recarte, Aitor Beguiristain and Jose Maria Baquero, all sold to Barca in the summer.

Decisive

The only goal was scored by Julio Salinas in the tenth minute, after a powerful break down the left by Roberto. Thereafter, the locals were unable to break down Cruyff's revolutonary three-man defence, even when John Toshack had sent on the promising 21-year-old Michel Loinaz as substitute.

it was the slender young Loinaz — born in the French BAsque Country — who had scored the decisive away goal right at the death which edged Dukla Prague out of the UEFA Cup in front of their own fans. But with only Andoni Zubizarreta to beat to cancel out Barca's lead, Loinaz shot straight at the Spanish World Cup goalkeeper.

The only setback for the Catalans so far has been the Super Cup defeat at the hands of Real Madrid. The Madridistas made a sloppy start to the season, crashing 3-0 to Milan in their own Trofeo Bernabeu, then drawing all of their first three league matches 2-2, at home to Osasuna and Real Sociedad, and away to Gijon.

But Madrid got their act together in time for the visit of Barca to the Bernabeu for the first leg of the Super Cup, and ran off 2-0 winners.

In the ill-tempered return at Camp Nou, Catalan wrath was provoked by Emilio Butragueno giving the Madridistas an early lead from a clearly offside position. Goals from Baquero gave Barca a 2-1 win over their bitterest rivals, but the visitors took away the trophy — after a controversial lap of honour which provoked a shower of missiles — on the away goals rule.

Cruyff was later suspended from the bench for one match for having called the linesman who kept his flag down for Butragueno's goal "shameless". But having to sit in the stand was no new experience for the Dutchman, for he'd been up there to see the 2-0 opening match defeat of Espanol because he didn't possess the necessary coaching qualifications.

Zaragoza's Radi Antic was kept off the bench for the same reason, until — much to the indignation of the majority of Spanish coaches — new federation president Angel Villar gave the two special dispensation.

Butragueno followed up this strike with two more in the 3-1 win up in Oviedo. The champions were gradually regaining their unstoppable form of the last three seasons, as discovered by poor Zaragoza when they visited the Bernabeu the following Sunday.

Goals from Schuster, Tendillo, Gallego and Martin Vazquez gave Madrid an easy 4-0 win. The only black spot was the expulsion of Schuster — running into fine form and appearing well settled at his new club — for a bad foul on Senor, followed by a push on Higuera, who kicked the ball in his face after the original foul.

The controversial West German, however, was just one of a record six First Division players to receive the red card that Sunday. The most stormy clash was crisis club Atletico Madrid's 2-1 win away to Malaga, in which the locals' foreigners Gustavo Matosas — making his Spanish debut, after signing from Penarol — and the Moroccan Hassan were given their marching orders.

This brought some relief to embattled Atletico, embroiled in their worst crisis for years. After sliding out of the UEFA Cup to Groningen on away goals, the knives were out for coach Jose Maria Maguregui.

The next day, larger-than-life club president Jesus Gil announced that "Magu" had resigned of his own free will, but the popular view was that he'd been persuaded to go quietly.

The overwhelming favourite to take over this hottest of seats was Ron Atkinson, who promptly did so to become Gil's fourth coach in just over a year.

Another manager being called into question is the new national team coach Luis Suarez, who took over from Miguel Munoz in August.

There are no shortage of critics who attribute his appointment more to personal contacts and an enormous reputation as a player than to his rather limited coaching experience.

Before taking Spain to the European U-21 final in 1986, they point out, Suarez had only been in charge — and briefly — at lowly La Coruna and a string of modest Italian clubs.

These criticisms were partly borne out by Suarez's surprising selections for the friendly with Yugoslavia, and by the subsequent 2-1 defeat. Spain then managed only a 1-1 draw against a jet-lagged Argentina in a Seville set-piece to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Spanish Federation.

BERND SCHUSTER . . . Real Madrid new boy sent off against Zaragoza.

Juan Senor . . . Schuster's victim.

POLAND

POLAND'S win in Cottbus over East Germany was encouraging for the national team though the 2-1 scoreline was only of statistical interest, being the 19th encounter since the two countries first met in Warsaw in September, 1952.

It was also the occasion of the G D R's initial, official 'A' international after several season's spent in obtaining FIFA recognition. Then as now Poland were the victors but before a much larger crowd.

Until the World Cup tie with Albania, for which it looks as if Bundesliga stars will be called up, notably, Iwan now of Bochum, interest is centred on the European Cup. In the league, GMS should have scored a hatful of goals against Slask Wroclaw but had to be content with those notched by Kubisztal and Morcinek, one in each half. That the Slask side did not suffer a much heavier defeat was thanks to their talented 'keeper Kirsza, a name for the future.

At Jastrzebie, a town with problems other than football in recent times, Ruch Chorzow were far too good for the home side who were still without a goal or a point. With the reduction in the number of clubs in the Elite Class coming in to force next spring, Jastrzebie will be 'booked' for a return to regional soccer unless a corner can be turned very soon.

Szombierki showed the way with their first victory sixth time out to move above Walbrzych who remain in fifteenth place.

In the Cup the two Górniks both struggled. Zabrze needed penalties to put out Second Division opposition which was more than Walbrzych could manage, who, like Bytom, were eliminated.

SOVIET UNION

NO LACK of activity can be reported in Soviet football! The twenty third week of the championship, the eighth finals of the Cup, the Olympic Finals and a friendly with West Germany, all were on the menu at almost the same time.

The surprise cooked up by returning 'chef' Lobanovsky was the unexpected recall from Vorwaerts Steyr of Oleg Blokhin at the age of thirty six. Also in the squad for Düsseldorf was another Soviet player still with a passion for the game, Cherenkov, who oils the wheels for Spartak Moscow. Another interesting selection, for his début, was that of Dynamo Kiev's young defender, Sergei Shmatovalenko, the likely successor to Demianenko.

Sukristov of Zhalgiris, the first Baltic Republic team to qualify for Europe was also selected.

In the league Chakov of Dnepr is the leading scorer, on 13 with Borodiuk (Dynamo Moscow) (11), Russayev (Lok. Moscow) (11), Protassov (Dynamo Kiev) (9) and Gurouli (Dynamo Tbilisi) (9) in his wake.

Dynamo Kiev have a game in hand on Dnepr, are two points behind and with no other commitments after the Olympics look a good bet though perhaps they may find it increasingly difficult if more and more of their players succeed in moving West.

BOB VAUGHAN

RUMANIA

AFTER six matches in the Rumanian championship it is as before, with four of the five Bucharest clubs in the top positions and only Rapid suffering.

The Railwaymen are equal on points with Tirgu Mures, Otelul Galati and Bacau but average three goals against per match which could be relegation form.

A narrow home win over FC Olt gave reason for some optimism but it was followed by a 5-0 hiding from the leaders, on goal average, Dinamo.

Steaua meanwhile continued with their hundred per cent record though Victoria only went down 2-3 in the 'Derby' game. Hagi leads the scorers with seven but Dinamo's forwards have managed 24 between them to give Steaua's rivals a goal difference of 19.

BOB VAUGHAN

POLES TRIUMPH

EAST GERMANY

ELEVEN thousand spectators attended East Germany's second ever international in Cottbus with Poland.

Manager Stange did not select goalkeeper and captain René Mueller, Weissflóg moving up for his eleventh cap and a 45 minute clean sheet. Rudwaleit replaced him after the interval and on 65 minutes Ernst gave the hosts the lead.

The GDR thereafter ran out of steam and two late goals gave the Poles victory.

Smolarek, now of AC Feyenoord, reappeared in an otherwise home based 'Team Polska'.

For the GDR there is plenty of work to be done before the tie with Iceland but players, managers and spectators currently have their minds on the European Cup. Dresden's return with Aberdeen was sold out weeks before the Dons' visit and in the Oberliga the Saxon Dynamoes have been impressive not the least in defeating BFC at home in front of a full house of 36,000.

Such a good crowd is probably now only possible in Dresden where for an hour Juergen Bogs's side were not in the hunt. Trautmann in 56 and Kirsten in 57 minutes looked to have made the game safe but Dresden wound down, BFC suddenly appeared as if re-charged and 2-1 was about right at the end.

Rohde, the best man in the visitors' ranks, felt afterwards that it had been just impossible to close down Dresden, so many chances did the home side make. Nevertheless he was in the form that should mean nomination for the World Cup tie with Iceland even if some of his colleagues received mediocre marks in the FA's official weekly.

Kirsten, suspended at the beginning of the season, looked sharp for Dresden, and is another certain starter against Sigi Held's Icelanders.

The Oberliga has an odd look with Karl-Marx-Stadt and Wismut Aue level in second place and Lok nowhere. BFC will need to pull their socks up to get on the trail of their eleventh consecutive championship but current leaders Dresden look as if they will take some stopping with ten points from six matches.

BOB VAUGHAN

AFRICAN NOTEBOOK FROM MARK GLEESON

LIBERIA SHOCK AS GHANA LOSE

GHANA'S tale of woe continues with the country's one-time role as a leading footballing nation on the African continent lying in tatters.

The latest shock for the Black Stars came in the first round of the qualifiers for the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy when they were controversially beaten 2-0 on aggregate by lowly Liberia.

It follows their humbling at the hands of no-hopers Sierre Leone in qualifiers for the 1988 African Nations Cup finals in Morocco and their defeat by Zambia in the final round play-offs for a place in the line-up for the Seoul Olympics.

Ghana, four-time winners of the African Nations Cup, could only manage a goal-less draw at home in Accra and then were beaten, albeit in controversial circumstances, in the return in Monrovia.

Black Stars forward George Alhassan had his first leg penalty saved by Liberian goalkeeper Pewou Bestman in the 52nd minute, a crucial miss that set the tone for the second leg in the Liberian capital.

There George Opong Weah, who plays alongside English international Glenn Hoddle and Mark Hateley for French champions Monaco, broke the deadlock after 23 minutes from a direct free kick and then James Salina Dibar added a second with just four minutes left.

Ghana coach John Eshun was livid after the match and disputed both goals. The first, he said, should have been an indirect free-kick as one of his players had been penalised for a handling infringement. The ball had been cleared before it crossed the line for the second goal, Eshun claimed.

But the protests did not change the outcome and the euphoria that went with it. Liberian president Master Sergeant Samuel Doe declared a public holiday after the aggregate win and then promised to plough some 1-million US dollars into Liberia's preparations for the second round grouping with Egypt, Kenya and Malawi.

Malawi beat Uganda 3-2 on aggregate in their tie, coming back from a one goal deficit in the first leg in Kampala.

The Ugandan Cranes' defender Sunday Mokiri scored in the 65th minute of the first leg, but that was cancelled out when Malawian defender Gilbert Chirwa and a midfielder Peterkins Kayira scored within five minutes of the return in Lilongwe.

From then on it was one-way traffic, despite a late consolation for Mokiri.

Tunisia, preparing for the Olympic Games in Seoul, dispatched Guinea 5-3 on aggregate in their first round tie to qualify for second round Group 4, alongside Morocco, Zaire and Zambia.

Tunisia won the first leg 5-0 at home and in the return in Conakry, Guinea tried gamely to make a match and Abdoulaye Emerson had them 1-0 ahead at half-time.

Shortly after the break, Amara Toure made it 2-0 and then with 15 minutes left Emerson scored a second, this time from the penalty spot.

But the Tunisians, with new Polish coach Anton Piechniczek, held on for the aggregate win.

Angola and Sudan drew the first leg of their first round tie 0-0 in Luanda, with Sudan dominating much of the match but failing to score a vital away goal.

Angola were surprisingly defensive in their approach at home and never looked to unsettle the Sudanese defence.

Heavy flooding in the Sudanese capital Khartoum delayed the second leg.

The quarter-final stage of the African Champions Cup and the Cup-winners' Cup kicked off a little earlier than usual in order not to clash with the Seoul Olympics.

Iwuanyanwu Nationale beat 1986 finalists Africa Sports 2-0 in the first leg of their Champions Cup quarter-final tie in Owerri — Samson Ozogula scoring both on either side of half-time — and then lost by the odd goal in three in the second leg to become the first team to qualify for the semi-finals.

Africa Sports looked set to match the Nigerian provincial team when Jean-Claude Groughet's long-range effort pulled one back for the hosts midway through the first-half of the return.

But despite lengthy periods of pressure, Nationale weathered the storm and they snatched a vital goal with just 10 minutes left when Tohin Ayinla's speculative effort sailed in.

Sekou Bamba's consolation goal two minutes from time made little difference and the Nigerians are through to a semi-final meeting with the winner of the clash between last year's beaten finalists El Hilal of Sudan and Morocco's Royal Armed Forces.

The first leg of that clash in Khartoum saw Osama Al-Thaghr score a late goal to give El Hilal a slender 1-0 first leg lead.

In the other half of the draw, holders Al Ahly could only score twice against a determined Matchedje of Mozambique in the first leg in Cairo.

Bidding to win the cup for a record-equalling third time, Al Ahly netted through Taher Abou Zeid and Ayman Chawki, but could be in for a hard time in the return at Maputo's Machava stadium.

Gabonese military club FC 105 came from behind to beat Entente Setif of Algeria 3-1 in their first leg tie in Libreville.

Ben Djaballah gave the Algerians a 35th-minute lead but goals by Ghanaians George Alhassan (44th min) and Emmanuel Quarshie (58th min) edged the hosts ahead and Louis Manon converted a last-minute penalty.

In the Cup-winners' Cup, CA Bizerte of Tunisia have reached the semi-finals without even kicking a ball. Their opponents, Wallidan of Gambia, have pulled out of the tournament because they could not afford to host the Tunisians.

The cash-strapped Gambian football federation has also postponed the local cup tournament and it is doubtful whether the tiny west African nation will have teams competing in Africa next year.

The government has set up a three-man commission of inquiry to look into the problems, while Bizerte will meet either AFC Leopards of Kenya or Diamante Yaounde in the semis.

The first leg in Nairobi saw the Kenyan club win 1-0 through a Wilberforce Mulamba goal in the 37th minute.

The other Kenyan club in the tournament, holders Gor Mahia will have their hands full in the second leg against Inter FC of Congo, Gor Mahia could only win the first leg in Nairobi 2-1, with Peter Dawo's winner coming in the first minute.

The winner of that tie will meet Nigeria's Ranchers Bees, who eliminated Ferroviario da Huila of Angola 5-3 on aggregate.

That match almost went the other way when the Nigerians failed to pitch in Luanda for the first leg. Flight delays and bad scheduling saw Bees spend a week trying to fly to Luanda and they arrived two days late to hear that they had been disqualified and the Angolans given a walkover.

But the Confederation of African Football took pity on the Nigerians and rescheduled the first leg, which ended in a 1-1 draw.

In the return, Ranchers Bees won 4-2 with Abubakar Balarade scoring two of the goals.

QUALIFICATION for the World Youth Cup finals in Saudi Arabia next year has reached the semi-final stage. Nigeria will play Cote d'Ivoire in the one semi-final pairing and Algeria will meet the winners of the delayed quarter-final tie between Egypt and Mali.

Defending African youth champions Nigeria easily overcame minnows Lesotho in their quarter-final pairing, winning the first leg 4-0 at home before beating the Basotho 2-1 in Maseru.

Jimoh Balagu scored three of the Flying Eagles' goals in their 6-1 aggregate win, including the late winner in the second leg, in which Lesotho dominated but failed to find their target.

Second leg teams:

Losotho: Thabane Sutu, Tlhokomelo Api, Tankiso Lephole, Khethang Khohlola, Naleli Tsilo, Thabiso Ntuli, Likhetho Molohalhi (Phakoe Masimong 66th minute), Potlako Tsu, Lisitso Khali, Thabo Mohale, Motheo Mohapi.

Nigeria: Angus Ikeji, Nduka Ugboda (Jimoh Balagu 70th min), Bewa Abdullahi, Olguni Oyekale, Chinedu Odiari, Mike Onyemachang, Oladmeji Kawal, Ougha Peter, Mutiu Adepoju, Chris Nwosu, Chris Ohenhen (Baleria Kabivu 46th min).

Ivory Coast's Elephantaux lost the first leg of their quarter-final tie away at Gabon with the Azingo Juniors' Theodore Mbongo scoring the game's only goal in the 16th minute.

But the return in Abidjan saw the Ivorians win 4-1 with goals from Serge Magui (16th min, 75th min pen), Kassio Guei (19th min) and Moussa Traore (46th min). Guy N'Zeng got an 85th minute consolation for Gabon.

Algeria edged Ghana 5-4 on a penalty shoot-out in their tie after the two nations had drawn 3-3 on aggregate. Ghana's 'Satellites' won the first leg 3-0 in Accra with goals from Dauda Lukeman (8th min) and Joe Debrah (20th min, 68th min), but threw it all away in the return. Mali were leading Egypt 2-0 on aggregate after the first leg of their tie in Bamako.

ALGERIA: A penalty shoot-out determined the winner of the Algerian Cup and a place in next year's African Cup Winners' Cup.

Union d'Alger beat Belcourt 6-5 on penalties after the two clubs had failed to score in 120 minutes of play before some 50,000 people at the Olympic stadium in Algers.

Union D'Alger: Betalaa, Soumatia, Kourifa, Bengana, Bellemou, Lalili, Mourey, Benkhaledi, Hadj-Adlane, Boutamine (Baaziz), Mourine.

Belcourt: Boudjeld, Dahmani, Keodja, Meziane, Koueil, Amani (Zouati), Badache (Kabrane), Mekidechen, Demdoum, Yahi, Nelazi.

In the league, Mouloudia d'Oran are the champions, ending four points ahead of former African club champions Jeunesse Electronique Tizi Ouzou, with defending titlists Entente Setif being relegated.

And national team coach Evgeny Rogov has been axed, just three months before his contract was due to expire. The Soviet is being replaced by 49-year-old former international goalkeeper Kamel Nemoui.

CAMEROON: Tonnerre Yaounde have retained their league title, with a narrow goal difference advantage over neighbours Diamant.

Both sides finished their 30-match league programme with 40 points. In the cup final, Panthere of Bogante beat Racing of Baboussam 1-0 before 70,000 people in Yaounde.

CONGO: Inter Club won the league title after an easy 5-1 crunching of AS Cheminots of Pointe Noire in their final game. Patronage and Etoile du Congo finished second and third.

EGYPT: The country's third place finish at the fifth Arab Cup tournament in Jordan has meant the sacking of national team coach Fouad Sedki, just months after the army captain had taken over from Welshman Mike Smith.

Smith was fired after Egypt's failure to successfully defend their African Nations Cup title at the finals in Morocco in March. The new coach in Mohmoud al-Gohari, an international in the 60s and former coach of champions Al Ahly.

Al Ahly's dominance of domestic football had ended with their defeat in both the league and the cup. Zamalek beat Ahly 2-1 in the cup final in Cairo, with Nabil Mahomoud (10th minute) opening the scoring. Chams Hamed equalised in the 22nd minute for Ahly, but then Ahmed Chazli got the winner in the 42nd minute.

Al Ahly now have a new West German coach Dietrich Weise, once of Eintracht Frankfurt, who has signed a three-year contract.

KENYA: KTM are in the lead as the championship enters its final stages. They have a goal difference lead over Shabana, both with 41 points, with African Cup-winners' Cup quarter-finalists AFC Leopards two points behind.

LESOTHO: Four sides are in contention for the league title with defending champions Royal Lesotho Defence Force, Matlama, Linare and Arsenal all neck-and-neck at the top of the table.

SU YANGSHU . . . China's most experienced coach.

MOROCCO: Raja Casablanca won the Moroccan title for the first time with an emphatic five-point gap between them and second placed KACM Marrakech.

World cup star Abderrazak Khairi was the league's leading goalscorer, scoring 12 for third placed defending champions Royal Armed Forces.

TANZANIA: Unfancied African Sport and Nyota Nyekunda lead the championship race at the season's halfway mark.

TOGO: Agaza Lome have won the Togolese Cup, courtesy of Koudouwovo's 16th minute goal, with a 1-0 win over Ifodje Atakpame in the final.

CHINA REACH YOUTH FINALS

From BOB PATEMAN

CHINA'S youth squad have added to the country's recent successes by qualifying for the World Youth Cup Finals.

They competed in a four-nation tournament in Mongkok, where Thailand proved their only serious rivals.

The Chinese won the first clash between these two nations 1-0 and then took the second game by 2-0, thanks to goals from Fen Qin and Liu Bin.

Hong Kong were third in the group and at least managed to keep their scorelines respectable — poor Macau's results included a 14-0 defeat by Thailand!

	P	W	D	L	Pts
China	6	6	0	0	12
Thailand	6	3	1	2	7
Hong Kong	6	2	1	3	5
Macau	6	0	0	6	0

THE success of a recent 12-team tournament in the southern China city of Guangzhou has brought the possibility of a Women's World Cup a step forward.

The talked-about date for such a venture is 1991, with China most likely being the hosts.

Chinese women have, in fact, been playing some form of football for close to a thousand years with the lonely ladies of the royal court spending hours juggling a ball with their feet.

Indeed, such skills survive today with the female stars of the acrobatic Peking Opera, who produce displays of ball skills that would make Maradona envious!

It was an impressive field that gathered in China, including the hosts, champions of Asia, South America (Brazil) and Europe (Norway).

It was the home side who looked firm favourites in the early rounds, building up an 8-1 victory over Ivory Coast and carrying such form into the quarter-finals, where they defeated Australia 7-0.

However, in the end, it was the two Scandinavian sides, Norway and Sweden, who made the Final.

Sweden came from a goal down to beat China 2-1 and Norway edged out Brazil by the same score.

The Final was close but a fine bit of individual play from Linda Medalon gave Norway a one-goal victory.

RESULTS
Final: Norway 1 Sweden 0.
3rd Place Play-Off: Brazil 0 China 0 (Brazil on pen).
Top player award: Sun Qingmel (China) and Ellon School (Norway).

HONG KONG: South Sea Caroliners completed their clean sweep of the Hong Kong honours with a 2-0 Cup Final victory over Tsuen Wan.

It was a somewhat shallow victory, the Caroliners never really lifted their game above a stroll and looked content to sit back on their early 2-0 lead.

Highlight

Despite the match being the highlight of the season, just 1,404 fans gathered, considerably fewer than those who travelled down town to watch the afternoon's Dragon Boat Festival.

With one season over, attention switched immediately to who was going where in 1988-89.

Brazilian coach Santa Rosa is not having his contract with Caroliners renewed and word is that he will be heading for the Middle East.

Tsuen Wan coach Peter Wong has been rewarded for a successful season by securing a contract with professional side, See Bee.

Meanwhile, Hong Kong FC have agreed to accept promotion after suggestions that they might opt to stay in Division Two.

Like other teams who draw their side from the European community, they are allowed to import three amateur players a season.

In addition the reduction of the resident rule from seven to three years has made more players available to them.

Nevertheless, HKFC will still be depending on two or three Chinese players to strengthen the side and Chan Tak-Ming, an experienced full-back, has already rejoined them.

It is also hoped that, having updated their stadium and added floodlights, the Hong Kong FA will allow them to play their Division One matches on their own ground.

NEWS FROM SOUTH AMERICA BY ERIC WEIL

ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL END DRAWS

ARGENTINA and Brazil have adopted three points for a win and penalty shoot-outs to decide draws in their national championships this season with the winner of the penalty shoot-out taking two points and the loser one.

The system was adopted mainly for two reasons . . . to increase spectator interest and to stop so many teams speculating on draws, although the latter is an arguable point because teams with the chance of obtaining a second point may now go all the more for draws.

In Argentina the decision to change the points system was rushed through virtually in a couple of days shortly before the start of the national championship . . . reportedly on "orders" from FIFA chief, Joao Havelange with Argentina FA president, Julio Grondona as always jumping at the chance to do the Brazilian's bidding.

Sudden

In Brazil the change was even more sudden. The decision was taken after some of the season's opening matches had already kicked off and referees were informed by telephone of the new rule . . . which only added to the turmoil in Brazilian soccer lately and prompted Flamengo's midfield star, Zico, to ask government officials to intervene the FA to clear up the mess.

It also annoyed the Rio clubs who simply refused to abide by the new rules. Six of the 12 games on opening day ended in draws, one of them being between Rio teams Fluminense and Botafogo who simply refused to do the penalty shoot-out after the game.

Meanwhile two other Rio clubs, Vasco da Gama and Flamengo, were due to play the following Sunday, but refused to do so under the new rules.

It took a meeting of all club delegates and a promise from the Brazilian FA to study the rules properly for the second round of the championship to restore peace.

In Argentina, it was Argentinos Juniors who seemed to be playing the best early season soccer under coach Nito Veiga in the Argentina National A Division reminding us of their championship winning team of 1985 which obtained the modest club's first ever title with good soccer.

Patches

While other clubs made wholesale team changes, Argentinos' only significant signing was that of former international striker, Oscar Dertycia from Instituto Córdoba.

Eight goals in two matches speak for themselves and while two matches may not be much to go on to evaluate a team and its possible chances, the significant point is that Argentinos had so far played their best soccer only in patches which left a lot of room for improvement.

During the close season the 20 National A Division clubs acquired a total of 126 players – an average of over six per club which made for a lot of team changes and it was the country's two most popular clubs who have led the "big name" shopping. River Plate, under new coach Cesar Menotti, signed 14 new players and Boca Juniors, eight.

Last year's vice-champions, San Lorenzo, and another big club, Independiente 11 each and Talleres Córdoba, close to relegation last time, went for all-change with 13 new signings.

Leading

Even champions Newell's Old Boys did not stick to their avowed intention of only selling one player a year and since they won the title in May, Dezotti, Balbo and Basualdo have all gone with Rossi on the way.

Newell's have plenty of good reserves, but in current Libertadores Cup play the team has not looked so good as when they won the title.

San Lorenzo sold a number of leading players such as goalkeeper Chilavert and internationals Siviski and Perazzo while acquiring a complete new team of lesser standard than these players, but they have clicked surprisingly well in Libertadores Cup games so far.

River Plate have acquired internationals such as Batista, Borghi, Melgar (Bolivia) and Passarella, the former national team captain, as well as other leading players in Balbo, Basualdo, Reinoso, Bevilacqua and Passet, but they have also transferred a host of internationals in Pumpido, Ruggeri, Caniggia, Troglio and Uruguayans Gutierrez and Alzamendi.

Boca Juniors, however, seem to have assembled a better team with the newcomers including Perazzo, Marangoni (ex-Sunderland), Barberon, Navarro Montoya (the Colombian goalkeeper who has replaced veteran Gatti) and two internationals returned from European soccer, Simon and Tapia.

At press time the two classic rivals of Argentine soccer clashed on the second playing day with Boca Juniors winning 2-0 on River Plates field in front of 80,000 spectators who could hardly have been satisfied at the poor soccer served up.

The result also left River Plate pointless after two games. The goals came from Perazzo and Graciani 12 and three minutes from the end and the teams were:

River Plate: Comizzo, Basualdo, Higuain, Passarella, C.Enrique, Melgar, Corti, Palma (Rinaldi), Borghi, Balbo (Reinoso), Centurion.

Boca Juniors: Navarro Montoya, Abramovich, Simon, Tavares, Hrabina, Carrizo, Marangoni, Tapia (Cuciuffo), Graciani, Perazzo, Barberon (Pico).

BRAZIL: Apart from the shindig over the penalty shoot-out to decide draws in Brazil, the squabbling also continued between clubs whether the national first division should have 20 or 24 clubs.

As a result, on the opening day of the championship only the first day's programme and times had been fixed.

While the group of 13 big clubs wanted to get the championship over with in three months, the rest wanted a longer tournament lasting nine months and with matches only at week-ends and the argument continued right up to the start of the competition.

Finally four more clubs were included – Portuguesa, Vitoria, Criciuma and America – but it was decided that the four bottom clubs would be relegated and only two would be promoted to reduce the championship's size gradually.

Battle

It will be remembered that last year 16 of the bigger clubs broke away to play their own championship which ended in a court battle over which of the championships would put its top two teams into the Libertadores Cup.

Eventually it was the top two from the FA's championship composed of the weaker clubs.

Meanwhile the Brazilian parliament decided that in future soccer clubs would not be able to take cases to court unless they had first gone through their respective federation's committees.

The clubs are divided into two sections of 12 and after four games, Palmeiras and São Paulo jointly lead group one with nine points while Vasco da Gama are four-point leaders in group two with 12, having won their four games outright.

URUGUAY: Modest Danubio, leading the Uruguayan first division by five points over Libertadores Cup holders Peñarol at the halfway stage, are doing what local soccer officials have strived at for years without success . . . bringing the fans back to the terraces.

Some 60,000 fans filled the usually half empty Centenario stadium in Montevideo the other day to see Danubio beat Peñarol 1-0 . . . a crowd rarely seen in Uruguayan football unless its two big clubs, Peñarol and Nacional, were clashing.

And when Danubio play at their own smaller stadium this season it is always a sell-out.

Risks

The reason is good soccer and that is what Uruguayan fans want to see . . . and it is the main reason why they have stayed away lately when play has been so poor.

But Danubio, with a young team – average age 21 – has brought back Uruguay's old style of play, taking risks and attacking.

Under coach Ildo Maneiro, a former Uruguayan international, the youngsters play happy soccer which the fans love.

In a country where money is scarce and the average ticket sale at first division games is only 3,176, Danubio have managed to average 10,000 this season.

Danubio are the highest scorers with 26 goals in 12 games (and only six against) while their centreforward, Ruben "Polillita" Da Silva topped the scorers table with 13 followed by Peñarol's Adolfo Baran with 10.

National team coaches Oscar Tabarez and Gregorio Perez have picked six of their players for the national team squad training for next year's World Cup qualifiers and it is the first time that a small club has more men in the squad than big clubs Peñarol and Nacional.

While the exodus of Uruguay's leading players continues – Bella Vista transferred defender Cecilio de los Santos to Mexico's America for 150,000 dollars – a small trickle of returning players also continues.

Striker Daniel Carreno, who was transferred by Wanderers to French club Lens three years ago, returned to sign for Nacional as well as defender Hugo De Leah (returned from Spain).

COLOMBIA: America, the Cali team which won the Colombian championship five years running until 1986, are current vice-champions and have reached the last three finals of the Libertadores Cup, convinced the man under whom they obtained all these triumphs, Doctor Gabriel Ochoa Uribe, to return as coach as they were going through a bad patch in domestic soccer which had dropped them down to fourth place in the over-all standings.

Ochoa Uribe, who had resigned earlier this year after a lengthy leave of absence in Europe, signed for one more year replacing assistant coach Humberto Ortiz who had taken over during his absence.

But although America had reached the third round of the Libertadores Cup again at press time, their troubles were deeper than that with several of their leading players – Gareca, Willington Ortiz, Bataglia, Poras, Valencia – getting past their best and some of the newcomers not living up to expectations.

Falling

Nacional of Medellin continue to lead the overall standings easily and the "Finalisation" championship by one point, but soccer officials are worried by falling gates which, they feel, are caused by poor play, an over abundance of games and a big difference in standards between the leading clubs and the rest.

CHILE: modest Deportes Concepción continue to top the first division, while champions Universidad Catolica and vice-champions Colo Colo, with their minds more on the Libertadores Cup, were 14th and bottom of the 16-team division.

Of the leading clubs, only Cobreloa, led by veteran Argentine international Trobbiani, were challenging for the top two points behind Deportes Concepción.

ECUADOR: Liga Deportiva Universitaria of Quito and Emelec, leading the first stage of the first division with 45 and 40 points respectively, had made sure of a place in the second stage which will be fought out by eight teams, initially in two groups of four.

There were three games to go at press time.

VENEZUALA: Coach Alfredo Lopez of champions Maritimo resigned after the club had failed to get past the first round of the Libertadores Cup in which they were playing for the first time.

The resignation caused several internal rifts and the club's cancelling the contracts of several foreign reinforcements including that of former Uruguayan striker Victorino.

PARAGUAY: Top clubs Cerro Porteño and Olimpia threatened to withdraw from the championship if the FA punished them for not releasing their players for the national team preparing for next year's World Cup qualifiers.

Cerro had four players and Olimpia three in the squad picked for a national team tour, but both clubs were still engaged in the Libertadores Cup.

After three games of the first division's third round, Olimpia led with six points, Sportivo Luqueno had five and Cerro Porteño four.

PERU: Alianza Atletico Sullana the sensation of the decentralized championship.

After winning the northern zone they lead the final round by three points after five games . . . Former Peruvian international, Teofilo Cubillas accepted an offer to coach his former club Alianza Lima who failed to qualify for the final round of this tournament.

UPPERCUT with a boot? Erbin of Boca Juniors clears from under the nose of Deportivo Armenio's Oudokian in an Argentine first division match.

ALFREDO LOPEZ QUITS MARITIMO AFTER CUP FLOP

SHOOTING STARTS AFTER WHISTLE

THE SO-FAR peaceful and calm Libertadores Cup errupted into violence in the second round, but the incident had nothing to do with soccer.

Home team America had just beaten Peru's Universitario in Cali when shooting started from several parts of the ground.

Several surprised players threw themselves to the ground as they were coming off the field while spectators panicked.

Apparently it was an assassination attempt by terrorists against what was first thought to be the town's mayor, Carlos Trujille, although among those injured by shots was a bank manager, Alvaro Fernando Quintero.

Guarani, the Brazilian team which had qualified for the Libertadores Cup by winning the FA's official championship which was played last year without the country's 16 most powerful clubs, almost caused a further surprise by drawing 1-1 away against one of the favourites, Argentina's San Lorenzo, in the first leg of the second round which was this year played as a two-legged knock-out. But then they lost 1-0 at home.

The Bolivians continued to surprise however. After Bolivar and Oriente Petrolero qualified for the second round by eliminating their Paraguayan group rivals, Argentina's Newell's Old Boys, another candidate to take this year's trophy, had to fight to eliminate Bolivar on post-match penalties, following an aggregate 1-1 score, while Oriente Petrolero knocked out Chile's Colo Colo (2-1 and 0-0) to qualify among the last six.

Third round (quarter-final) ties being played home and away at press time were Newell's Old Boys (Argentina) v Nacional (Uruguay), San Lorenzo (Argentina) v Peñarol, holders (Uruguay) and America (Colombia) v Oriente Petrolero.

Under this year's new regulations the winners of the three ties and the best loser qualify for the semi finals.

LEYVA of Atlante (Mexico) escapes a sliding tackle from Gremio's Ayrton in an international club friendly.

MEN IN THE NEWS

***TEOFILO CUBILLAS**, the former Peruvian World Cup (1970/78) midfielder, who came out of retirement early this year to help his old club, Alianza Lima after they had lost an entire team in an air crash, has now accepted to coach the club.*

***DANIEL BERTONI**, the former Argentine World Cup (1978) winger, who played in Italian soccer until last year, had been doing pre-season training at River Plate in Buenos Aires, but realised that he would not reach first division standard and decided to retire at 33.*

***OSCAR TROSSERO'S** widow will receive a sum of $300,000 dollars indemnity from River Plate (Argentina). Trossero died in the showers from a heart attack after a league match in October, 1983, and a court has now finally decided that it was an "accident while at work" and that the indemnity had to be paid.*

***JOSE LUIS "PUMA" RODRIGUEZ**, the Argentine international striker, has reportedly refused an offer of a $270,000 one-year contract from England's Tottenham Hotspur made to him through an agent, Settimio Aloisio.*

LEADING TRANSFERS

***JORGE ARAVENA**, Chilean international winger, from Deportivo Cali (Colombia) to Puebla (Mexico) for $200,000 . . . **Roberto Gasparini**, Argentine midfielder, from Rosario Central (Argentina) to Neza (Mexico) for $130,000 . . . **Sergio Batista**, Argentine international midfielder, from Argentinos Juniors (Argentina) to River Plate (Argentina) for $560,000 . . . **Oscar Rojas**, Chilean defender, from Colo Colo (Chile) to Puebla (Mexico) . . . **Cecilio de los Santos**, Uruguayan defender, from Belle Vista (Uruguay) to America (Mexico) for $140,000 **Dario Siviski**, Argentine international midfielder, from San Lorenzo (Argentina) to Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) for $500,000 . . . **Blas Giunta**, Argentine midfielder, from San Lorenzo (Argentina) to Malaga (Spain) . . . **Nestor Gorosito**, Argentine midfielder, from River Plate (Argentina) to San Lorenzo (Argentina) for $300,000 . . . **Miguel Angel Ludueña** from Talleres (Argentina) to Independiente (Argentina) . . . **Patricio Hernández**, Argentine midfielder from Argentinos Juniors to Cruz Azul (Mexico) for $80,000 . . . **Waldemar Victorino**, former Uruguayan international striker, from Maritimo (Venezuela) to Sport Boys (Peru) . . . **Hugo De Leon**, former Uruguayan international defender, from Logrones (Spain) to Nacional (Uruguay), his first club.*

BOCA JUNIORS — AN ENIGMA

from ERIC WEIL in South America

BOCA JUNIORS are a mystery and an enigma. Arguably Argentina's most popular soccer club, they would no longer exist in any other country.

With debts estimated to be in the region of $6 million, Boca have somehow managed to assemble one of the strongest playing staffs for this season with the influx of eight players.

The club has been in the hands of creditors for some time now, but these, contrary to what would certainly happen in England, decided against liquidating it and instead, help to settle its financial situation.

It is said that half plus one of the population are Boca fans and that must at least have been true of the group of creditors.

Year after year the club tops the soccer gate takings.

Yet they are now finding it enormously difficult to pay off instalments to the group of creditors and for the last one even had to borrow more money to pay it.

The biggest creditor is the club's current president, Antonio Alegre who, however, is making no efforts to get his money back at the moment.

The second highest creditor, Hector Martinez Sosa, a president of the club, however, complains that he has not yet even received last year's instalment of the debt payment and said he was again taking the case to court in view of the club having "acquired" so many new players.

Honest

Antonio Alegre — considered an honest man (although the same could not be said for some of the club's previous officials) — says that the eight players added to the playing staff this season (which include present and former internationals such as Perazzo, Marangoni, Simon and Tapia) were either paid for by groups of supporters or came on loan and that no money left the club's coffers.

It is still a mystery, however.

Also a bit of a mystery is how the club ever fell so heavily into debt when it enjoys the biggest support in the country.

Boca Juniors have perhaps been even more poorly managed than most local soccer clubs.

Until recently they had over 40 professionals on their books, bought and sold players badly and had not won a title since 1981.

Today's officials say the club's financial problems started some 15 years ago.

Yet Alberto Armando, president of the club for 22 years until the end of the 70's, says he left the club in a sound financial position and with a new sports complex of immense value.

Others say that it was the building of this sports centre during a time of great inflation and financed by the sale of bonds and seats in a never-to-be-built stadium, and which did not increase in price, which caused a lot of the debt.

And still others, Martinez Sosa among them, blame the committee which took over from Armando and ruled the club in 1981-3, for causing the debt.

This committee, which complained that it was already saddled with a $3 million debt when it took over, also negotiated the famous "loan purchase" of Diego Maradona which cost the club a lot although it also collected over $2 million when he was sold to Barcelona.

The destination of this $2 million is a mystery.

The only clear thing is that if this were not Argentina, Boca Juniors would no longer exist, but nobody wants the popular club to go under . . .

And there is hope that the sports complex, blamed for part of the debt, may yet take the club out of the red again if things are properly managed.

Secret negotiations are underfoot to rent it out to a foreign firm as a tourism complex.

DIEGO MARADONA . . . whatever happened to the transfer millions?

EURO CUPS . . . EURO CUPS . . .

CHAMPIONS CUP

First round, second legs (Oct 5 unless stated)

ACTION NOTES: Ironic defeat for the Danes of Brondby. They lost to Brugge on the away goals rule and the Belgian club's all-important away goal was scored by a Dane, veteran Kenneth Brylle . . . Honved felt they had no luck with Swedish Erik Fredriksson in Glasgow — they were refused a strong penalty claim and had two players booked in the face of some fiery tackling in a sweeping defeat by a Celtic seeking a European revival in their centenary season . . . Canadian World Cup defender Terry Moore scored the goal for Glentoran which very nearly pushed Moscow Spartak — Dasayev and all — to a shock defeat . . . there was a scare, too, for 1987 holders FC Porto who conceded two goals to Finnish minnows HJK and then could not find a way past English keeper David Coles at the other end . . . Swiss international keeper Joel Corminboeuf was the hero for Neuchatel Xamax, saving penalties from Giorgos Mitsibonas, Irishman Paul Bannon and Thanassis Tsiolis in the shoot-out victory over Larissa of Greece . . . goal-scoring exploit of the week was Marco Van Basten's four goals in Milan's thrashing of Vitosha.

Brondby 2 (Frank 35, Christensen 67)
Club Brugge 1 (Brylle 78)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 24,200. **Ref:** Snoddy (NI)
Brugge on away goals, agg 2-2
Brondby: Schmeichel — B.Jensen*, K.Nielsen, L.Olsen, O.Madsen — Vilfort, H.Jensen (J.Madsen 89), Steffensen, Bartram — Frank (B.Laudrup 80), Christensen.
Brugge: Van de Walle — Kimoni, Mamadou (Audoor 70), Plovie, Van Wijk — Van der Elst, Ceulemans, Creve, Mbuyu (Bettagno 89) — Brylle, Degryse.

Celtic 4 (Stark 14, Walker 75, McAvennie 80, McGhee 89)
Honved 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 42,763. **Ref:** Fredriksson (Swe)
Celtic 4-1 on agg
Celtic: Rough — Morris, Rogan, Aitken, McCarthy, Whyte, Stark, McStay, McAvennie, Walker, Miller (McGhee 77).
Honved: P.Disztl — Sallai, Cseh, L.Disztl, Varga, Csehi (Kovacs 55), Szijarto (Fule 80), Csuhay, Sass, Fodor, Gregor.

Galatasaray 2 (Tanju 53, Cuneyt 65)
Rapid Vienna 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Courtney (Eng)
Galatasaray 3-2 on agg
Galatasaray: Simovic — Ismail, Semih, Cuneyt, Erhan, K.Bulent, Ugur, Prekazi (B.Savas 81), K.Savas, Tanju (Mirsat 88), Arif.
Rapid: Konsel — Brauneder, Franz Weber, Pecl, Heribert Weber, Kienast (Shavlo 46), Munjakovic (Schtttel 69), Gagev, Herzog, Kranjcar, Willfurth.

Glentoran 1 (Moore 48)
Moscow Spartak 1 (Cherenkov 89)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Olsson (Ice)
Spartak 3-1 on agg
Glentoran: Paterson — Neil, Kennedy, Bowers, Moore, Cleary, Totten (Craig 78), Caskey, McCartney, Manley (Hillis 58), Morrison.
Spartak: Dasayev — Glodilento, Paveliov (Rodionov 65), Shalimov, Bubnov, Mosovy, Ivanov, Pasulko, Smarov (Kyeluv 46), Cherenkov, Susloparov.

HJK Helsinki 2 (Valla 60, Kanerva 85)
FC Porto 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 5,640. **Ref:** Marko (Cz)
Porto 3-2 on agg
HJK: Coles — Kavalko, Kanerva, Rissanen, Tassimns — Paavola, Yla-Josila, Holmgren, Tarkkio (Valla) — Vuorela, Vayryonen.
Porto: Ze Beto — Eduardo Luis, Dito, Nkongolo, Inacio — Andre, Magalhaes, Quim (Frasco 87), Sousa — Gomes (Vermelhinho 70), Semedo.

IFK Gothenburg 5 (R.Nilsson 5, Zetterlund 7, Holmgren 26, Froberg 44, 54)
Pezoporikos 1 (Livanthinos 39)
HT: 4-1. **Att:** 6,442. **Ref:** Eksztajn (Pol)
IFK 7-2 on agg
IFK: Thorstvedt — R.Nilsson (Persson 66), Sventsson, Ravelli, M.Nilsson — Milqvist, Zetterlund, Ingesson, Froberg — Holmgren, L.Nilsson (Johansson 46).
Pezoporikos: Kouis — Charalambous, E.Constantinu, Papadopulos, Shailis — Lemos (Larku 63), Pashalis, Spavrinos, Bialon — Livanthinos (Misos 58), Politis.

Jeunesse d'Esch 1 (Theis 32)
Gornik Zabrze 4 (Komornicki 6, 30, Urban 66, Zagorski 82)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 960. **Ref:** Gudmundsson (Ice)
Gornik 7-1 on agg
Jeunesse: Van Rijswijck — Muller, Petry, Biasi, Welscher (Di Pentima 70) — Schmitz, Scuto, Scholten, Ontano (Pinto Carlos 82) — Barboni, Theis.
Gornik: Wandzik — Grembocki, Jegor, Pietrowicz, Klemenz — Warzycha, Komornicki (Koseka 60), Urban, Baran — Cyron, Zagorski.

Milan 5 (Van Basten 2, 13, 42, 83)
Vitosha 2 (Nachev 29, Iliev 73)
HT: 3-1. **Att:** 55,000. **Ref:** Worral (Eng). Played Oct 6.
Milan 7-2 on agg
Milan: G.Galli — Tassotti, F.Galli, Baresi, Mussi — Colombo (Lantignotti 69), Donadoni, Rijkaard, Ancelotti — Virdis (Cappellini 69), Van Basten.
Vitosha: Mikhailov — Georgiev, Iliev, Murlev, Petrov — Slavchev (Koev 69), Nachev, Velev (Kostov 76), Iordanov — Dragolov, Krumov.

Monaco 2 (Vogel 14, Weah 35)
Valur Reykjavik 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Lemmer (Lux). Played Oct 4.
Monaco 2-1 on agg
Monaco: Ettori — Sonor, Vogel, Battiston, Amoros — Poullain, Bijotat, Dib, Hoddle (Valery 87) — Weah, Fofana (Ferratge 70).
Valur: G.Baldursson — Thorgrimsson, Bergsson, S.Jonsson, O.Baldursson (Adolfsson 11), Petrusson, Sighartsson, Valsson, Gudmusson, Edvaldsson, Kristiansson (J.G.Jonsson 65).

Moss 0
Real Madrid 1 (Butragueno 39)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 5,414. **Ref:** Aho (Fin)
Madrid 4-0 on agg
Moss: Eriksen — Haugen, Melbye, Gislason, Kristiansen, Haugenest, Henriksen, Johansen, Karlsrud (Henes 64), Fjaerestad, Bachke (Holm 80).
Madrid: Buyo — Chendo, Solana, Tendillo, Sanchis, Gordillo, Butragueno, Schuster, Hugo Sanchez, Gallego (Camacho 67; Llorente 73), Martin Vazquez.

Nentori 2 (Hodja 66, Josa 69)
Hamrun Spartans 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Petrescu (Rum)
Nentori 3-2 on agg
Nentori: Mersini — Riza (Ismaili 89), Lekbello, Hodja, Alimehmeti — Josa, Bardhi (Ruci 61), Stoja, Liti — Minga, Kola.
Hamrun: Leigh — G.Refalo, Azzopardi, Grech, Brincat — Vella, Gallagher, L.Refalo, Micallef — Degiorgio, Sultana.

Neuchatel Xamax 2 (Lei-Ravello 61 pen, Luethi 71)
Larissa 1 (Karapialis 59)
HT: 0-0. 90min: 2-1. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Lo Bello (It)
Neuchatel 3-0 on pens, 3-3 agg
Neuchatel: Corminboeuf — Mottiez, Widmer, Decastel, Ryf (Fasel 59) — Lei-Ravello, Hermann, Perret (Luthi 60), B.Sutter — Nielsen, Smajic.
Larissa: Michail — Mitsibonas, Kirlidis, Galitsios, Agoroyannis — Alexulis, Mulaba (Papadoniou 119), Tsiolis, Vutiritsas — Karapialis, Valaoras (Bannon 59).

Red Star Belgrade 3 (Sabanadzovic, Mrkela, Savicevic)
Dundalk 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Deda (Tur). Played Oct 6.
Red Star 8-0 on agg
Red Star: Stojanovic — Juric, Marovic, Sabanadzovic, Radovanovic — Dimitrijevic, Prosinecki (Savicevic 46), Djurovic, Bursac (Lukic 62) — Stojkovic, Mrkela.
Dundalk: O'Neil — Mackey, Moore, Murray, Cleary — Malone, Wyse, Gannon, Eviston — Gorman (Cousins 78), Lawless (Shelley 83).

Steaua Bucharest 2 (Hagi 39, Lacatus 78)
Sparta Praha 2 (Bilek 12, 88)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Pauly (WG)
Steaua 7-3 on agg
Steaua: Lung — Iovan, Bumbescu, Belodedici, Ungureanu — Balint (Dumitrescu 32), Stoica, Rotariu, Hagi — Lacatus, Pena (Stan 73).
Sparta: Michalek — Bielik, Chovanec (Novotny 74), Nemecek, Vrabec — Novak, Hasek, Bilek, Lavicka (Siegl 46).

Werder Bremen 5 (Kutzop 23pen, Hermann 55, Riedle 63, Burgsmuller 71, Schaaf 89)
Dynamo E.Berlin 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 23,542. **Ref:** Quiniou (Fr). Played Oct 11.
Bremen 5-3 on agg

Bye: PSV Eindhoven (holders).

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

First round, second legs (Oct 5 unless stated)

ACTION NOTES: Holders Mechelen were first off the mark into the second round. They advanced their second leg tie by a week and easily saw off the challenge, such as it was, of Avenir Beggen of Luxembourg. John Bosman, who played for losing finalists Ajax against Mechelen in last term's final, opened the scoring from a penalty after Wilhelm had handled a Demesmaeker centre. It was another cross from Demesmaeker which gave Den Boer his scoring opening in the 51st minute . . . Gary Lineker underlined his recovery from illness when he scored Barcelona's first goal in their 5-0 thrashing of Iceland's Fram . . . Bekescsaba were no match for Turkey's Sakaryaspor — the Hungarians, needing to pull back 'only' two goals, missed a first-half penalty and even their one goal was an own goal . . . Jimmy Gilligan scored a hat-trick for Cardiff against Derry, just a year after joining the Welsh club from Lincoln for £17,500 . . . CFKA Sredets took the night's prize for rapid scoring. Loboslav Penev scored in the first minute, Stoichkov grabbed another two minutes later, it was four by the 21st minute and five by half-time. The Bulgarians coasted the rest of the way . . . Dundee United made desperately heavy weather of beating Maltese minnows Floriana. Star keeper David Cluett was eventually beaten by an effort from former Arsenal and Sporting Lisbon striker Raphael Meade.

Avenir Beggen 1 (Krings 65)
Mechelen 3 (Bosman 34, Den Boer 51 Versavel 62)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 2,100. **Ref:** Lartigot (Fr). Played Sep 28.
Mechelen 8-1 on agg
Avenir: Moes — Meunier, Nora-Favita, Wilhelm, R.Jentgen, S.Jentgen (Goegen 75), Girres, Dresch, Oswewiler, Schmitz, Krahn (Krings 46).
Mechelen: Preud'homme — Sanders, Clijsters (Jaspers 63), Rutjes, Deferm, Emmers (Leen 46), Versavel, Wilmots, Bosman, Demaesmaeker, Den Boer.

Aarhus 3 (Henrik Mortensen 26, Bjorn Kristensen 65, John Stampe 87)
Glenavon 1 (McConville 88)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 2,300. **Ref:** Diakonowicz (Pol)
Aarhus 7-2 on agg

Anderlecht 2 (Edy Krncevic 47, Adri Van Tiggelen 73 pen)
Metz 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 16,000. **Ref:** Kirschen (EG)
Anderlecht 5-1 on agg
Anderlecht: Dewilde — Grun, Keshi, Van Tiggelen, Degroote, Ukkonen (Musonda 71), Kooiman, Gudjohsen, Vervoort, Nilis, Krncevic.
Metz: Rodolphe — Romano, Cartier, Pauk, Gaillot, Hinschberger, Van der Elst, Kanak Biyik (Krawczyk 88), Zanon, Relmy, Micciche (Boncoeur 75).

Barcelona 5 (Lineker 9, Beguiristain 23, 63, Roberto 65, Baquero 72)
Fram Reykjavik 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Vautrot (Fr)
Barcelona 7-0 on agg
Barcelona: Zubizarreta — Lopez Recarte, Serna, Soler — Milla (Roberto 46), Eusebio, Baquero, Carrasco — Lineker (Urbano 46), Julio Salinas, Beguiristain.
Fram: Kristinsson — Orlygsson, Thorkelsson, Thorsteinsson, Sveinsson, Kristinn Jonsson — Ormslev (Steinsson 44), Kristjan Jonsson, Arnthorsson — Torfsson, Davidsson (Gudjohnsson 84).

Bekescsaba 1 (Selcuk og 49)
Sakaryaspor 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 13,000. **Ref:** Stiegler (Cz)
Sakaryaspor 2-1 on agg
Bekescsaba: Janos — Szenti, Fabia, Horvat, Banfi, Csato, Grubor-

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ovics (Kanal 46), Oltlakan, Csanolosi, Kvaszta (Belvon 70), Szekeres.

Sakaryaspor: Engin — Selcuk, Murat, Blerim, Erol — Mustafa (Mehmet 89), Senol, Rahim, Pesic — Yucel, Kemal.

Cardiff 4 (McDermott 20, Gilligan 47,* 65, 76)
Derry 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 6,933. **Ref:** Nervik (Nor)
Cardiff 4-0 on agg

Cardiff: Wood — Bater (Perry 75), Platnauer, Wimbleton (Morgan 49), Stevenson, Boyle, Curtis, Bartlett, Gilligan, McDermott, Kelly.

Derry: Dalton — Keay, Brady, Curran, Neville, Doolin, Carlyle (Quigg 70), Larkin, Speak, Cunningham, Healy.

CFKA Sredets 5 (Penev 1, Stoichkov 3, Kostadinov 12, 38, Getov 21)
Inter Bratislava 0
HT: 5-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Jokic (Yug)
CFKA 8-2 on agg

CFKA: Velov — Bachev, Ivanov, Bezinski, Kachamanov, Vitanov, Kostadinov, Stoichkov (Yanchev 46), Penev, Kirov (Georgiev 73), Getov.

Inter: Mentel (Hros 41) — Tomanek, Brezik, Stranianek, Rehak (Kopca 80), Luhovy, Kramolis, Bagin, Jurasko, Moravec, Weitz.

Dundee Utd 1 (Meade 69)
Floriana 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 6,000. **Ref:** Gifford (Wal)
Dundee Utd 1-0 on agg

Dundee Utd: Thomson — Bowman, Malpas, McPhee, Clark, Hegarty, Gallacher, McKinlay SFrench 67), Paatelainen (Meade 35), Redford, Preston.

Floriana: Cluett — Cauchi, Darmanin, Delia, Holland, Brincat, Magri (Licari 82), Aquilina, Miller, Xuereb, Greeno.

Eintracht Frankfurt 1 (Bakalorz 32)
Grasshopper 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 13,280. **Ref:** Krchnak (Cz). Played Oct 4.
Frankfurt 1-0 on agg

Frankfurt: Stein — Binz — Korbel, Kostner — Roth, Heitkamp (Turowski 32), Hobday, Bakalorz, Studer — Grundel, Andersen.

Grasshopper: Brunner — Egli — In-Albon, Imhof — Stiel, Gren, Andermatt, Sforza (Cesar 75), Sutter (Petrotti 80) — Ugras, Rufer.

Krems 1 (Studeny 24)
Carl Zeiss Jena 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Magni (It)
Jena 5-1 on agg

Kuusysi Lahti 0
Dinamo Bucharest 3 (Vaiscovici 11, 34, Raducioui 71)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 960. **Ref:** Khokhriakov (SU)
Dinamo 6-0 on agg

Kuusysi: Korhonen — Kousa, Viljanen, Jantti, Remes (Reinikainen 72) — Vehkakoski (Touminen 72), Rinne, Bostrom — Annunen, Lius, Lehtinen.

Dinamo: Stelea — Mihaescu (Viscreanu 72), Rednic, Andone, Varga — Sabau (Raducioiu 64), Lupescu, Lupu, Mateut — Claudiu Vaiscovici, Camataru.

Lech Poznan 1 (Araskiewicz 25)
Flamurtari 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Palsi (Fin)
Lech 4-2 on agg

Lech Poznan: Plesnierowicz — Rzepka, Jakolcewicz, Lukasik, Krueger — Rybak, Kruszczynski, Romke, Skrzypczak (Bereszynski 81) — Pachelski (Jozkowiak 86), Araszkiewicz.

Flamurtari: Arapi — P.Ruci, Cipi, Taho, Iljachi — Bubeki, Menushi, Zijaj, Gjondela (Daulija 80) — Kushta, V.Ruci (Ziu 6).

Metallist Kharkov 4 (Tarasov 25, 62, Adzhiev 78 pen, Yesipov 88)
Borac Banjaluka 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Lundgren (Swe)
Metallist 4-2 on agg

Metallist: Sivukha — Kolokolov, Romanchuk, Panchishin, Suslo, Ivanov, Adzhiev (Yalovski 86), Ralyechenkko, Yakubovski, Tarasov (Yesipov 75), Baranov.

Borac: Jakovljevic — Malbasic, Mataja, Bilbija, Lipovac, Spica, Pobor, Matejic (Kapesic 55), Besirevic, Buvac (Knjezovic 81), Lenic.

Panathinaikos 2 (Dimopulos 57, Nielsen 59)
Omonia 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Jareci (Alb)
Panathinaikos 3-0 on agg

Sampdoria 2 (Salsano 37, Vialli 80)
Norrkoping 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 17,683. **Ref:** Blattmann (Swz). Played in Cremona on Oct 6.
Sampdoria 3-2 on agg

Sampdoria: Pagliuca — Mannini, Carboni, Pari, Vierchowod, Salsano (Bonomi 85), Victor, Cerezo, Vialli (Pradella 89), Mancini, Dossena.

Norrkoping: Johansson — Vaattovaara, Lonn, Weidenstolpe, Kalen, Fredheim, Lind, Djordjic, P.Andersson, Holter, Hellstrom.

Vitoria Guimaraes 1 (Roldao 27)
Roda Kerkrade 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Holzmann (Aus)
Roda 2-1 on agg

Vitoria: Neno — Nando, Nene (Bene 71), Germano, Basilio — Rene, Carvalho — Ndinga (Elongue 68), Chiquinho, Decio Antonio, Roldao.

Roda: Nederburgh — Boebesach, Hanssen, Suvrijn, Trost, Fraser — Brandts, Blatter — Van der Luer (Sanchez Torres 83), Van Loen, Noelgen.

UEFA CUP

First round, second legs (Oct 5 unless stated)

ACTION NOTES: The Ajax crisis deepened as the Dutch crashed out to Sporting Lisbon, losing only their fourth home match in more than 30 years in Europe . . . a similar story at Atletico Madrid, where coach Jose Maria Maguregui resigned the day after his club's away goals defeat at the hands of Holland's Groningen . . . but there was bad news for another Dutch connection when UEFA Cup holders Bayer Leverkusen, now coached by Rinus Michels, crashed out at the first hurdle to John Mortimore's Belenenses of Portugal.

Ajax Amsterdam 1 (Verkuyl 80)
Sporting Lisbon 2 (Silas 22, Maside 87)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Prokop (EG)
Sporting 6-3 on agg

Ajax: Menzo — Vink (Scholten 58), Larsson, Verkuyl — Winter, Wouters, Richard Witschge, Jonk (Werdekker 46) — Van't Schip, Pettersson, Rob Witschge.

Sporting: Damas — Joao Luis, Venancio, Morato, Fernando Mendes — Douglas (Maside 50), Oceano — Silas, Carlos Xavier, Litos, Forbs.

APOEL Nicosia 2 (Owen 43 pen, Plakitis 63)
Velez Mostar 5 (Kleanthous og 35, Gudelj 47, 89, Tuce 50, Rebak 58)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Salomir (Rum)
Velez 6-2 on agg

Athletic Bilbao 2 (Uralde 3 and 6)
AEK Athens 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Agnolin (It)
Bilbao 2-1 on agg

Bilbao: Biurrun — Lacabeg, Ferreira, Andrinua, Alcorta — Gallego (Ayarza 86), Pachi Salinas, Luis Fernando, Garitano (Lizarralde 14) — Argote, Uralde.

AEK: Ikonomopulos — Chanezif, Manolas, Kutulas, Vasilopulos — Mavrodimus, Patikas, Pittas, Okonski — Famelis (Christodulos 80), Nielsen.

Atletico Madrid 2 (Baltazar 3 pen, Futre 51)
Groningen 1 (Ten Caat 19)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 55,000. **Ref:** Peschel (EG)
Groningen on away goals, 2-2 agg

Atletico: Abel — Marrero — Tomas, Sergio, Armando (Carlos 64) — Parra, Marina (Aguilera 38), Orejuela — Futre, Manolo, Baltazar.

Groningen: Storm — De Wolf, Koevermans, Olde Riekerinck, Van Dijl, Boekwerg — Koorman (Beltman 76), Tem Caat, Roossien — Meyer, Eikelkamp.

Belenenses 1 (Adao 85)
Bayer Leverkusen 0
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Hill (Eng). Played Oct 12.
Belenenses 2-0 on agg

Belenenses: Jorge Martins — Carlos Ribeiro, Luis Sobrinho, Jose Antonio, Jose Mario — Jaime das Merces (Carvalho Alberigi Dudu 77), Jose da Silva Juanico, Alvaro Teixeira, Carlos Pinto Adao — Paulo Monteiro (Baidek 89), Mladenov.

Leverkusen: Vollborn — de keyser, Horster (Lesniak 69), Seckler, Hinterberger — Cha, Schreier, Rolff, K.Reinhardt — Waas, Tauber.

Benfica 3 (Chalana 22, Ademir 51, Mozer 73)
Montpellier 1 (Cubaynes 83)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Longhi (It)
Benfica 6-1 on agg

Benfica: Silvino — Veloso, Mozer, Ricardo, Alvaro — Elzo, Vitor Paneira, Valdo (Diamantino 71), Chalana, Ademir — Vata (Lima 74).

Montpellier: Rust — Baills, Julio Cesar (Cubaynes 80), Nono, Luchessi — Lemoult, Blanc; Lowitz (Navarro 46), Bernardet — Milla, Ferhaoui.

Bordeaux 2 (Stopyra 47, Scifo 66 pen)
Dnepr 1 (Cherednik 2)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Kohl (Aus)
Bordeaux 3-2 on agg

Bordeaux: Dropsy — Thouvenel, Senac, Roche, Zoran Vujovic, Rohr (Ferreri 46), Dewilder, Tigana, Scifo, Stopyra, Allen (Pean 88).

Dnepr: Krakovski — Gerachenko, Puchkov, Sorokalet (Son 59), Vishnievski, Kudritsi, Bagmut, Cherednik (Chichenko 46), Liuti, Chokh, Shakhov.

Brage 1 (Johann Hallmen 46)
Internazionale 2 (Nicola Berti 9, Dario Morello 78)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 8,652. **Ref:** Scheurell (EG)
Internazionale 4-2 on agg

Brage: B.Andersson — Nikolov, Arnberg, Englund, Granberg, R.A.Nilsson, Hunt, Alatensio (Brcic 76), Kallstrom, Bergort, Hellman.

Inter: Zenga — Bergomi, G.Baresi, Brehme, Ferri, Mandorlini, Bianchi, Berti, Morello, Matthsus, Serena.

Dinamo Zagreb 2 (Radmilo Mihajlovic 40 and 65)
Besiktas 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Kolev (Bul)
Dinamo 2-1 on agg

Dinamo: Ladic — Chpan, Pavlicic, Precjevic, Kasalo, Prskalo, Vassec, Skerjanc, Bobin (Agic 82), Mihajlovic (Bovgat 75), Deveric.

Besiktas: Zalad — Recep, Ulvi, Gtkhan, Kadir — Riza, Zeki, Mehmet — Senol (Sinan 82), Ali, Feyyaz.

Dynamo Dresden 2 (Thorsten Gutschow 4, Ulf Kirsten 66)
Aberdeen 0
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 36,000. **Ref:** Galler (Swz)
Dresden 2-0 on agg

Dresden: Teuber — Trautmann, Lieberanm, Diebitz, Dtschner, Sammer, Stubner, Pilz, Kirsten, Kirschner, Gutschow.

Aberdeen: Snelders — McKimmie, Robertson*, Simpson, McLeish, Miller, Mason (P.Wright), Bett, Grant, Connor, Dodds. *Robertson sent off, 39min.

Dukla Praha 3 (Jiri Nemec 17, Ales Foldyna 55, Gunther Bittengel 72)
Real Sociedad 2 (Lorenzo Loren 75, Miguel Loinaz 82)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Ponnet (Bel)
Real Sociedad on away goals, agg 4-4

Dukla: Kostelnik — Bazant, Fitzel, Drahokoupil, Schulc — Foldyna, Korejcik, Kriz (Karoch 75), Nemec — Bittengel, Luhovy.

Real Sociedd: Arconada — Larranaga — Bengoechea, Gajate, Gorriz, Uria (Mujica 60) — Dadie, Zuniga (Loinaz 50), Zamora — Loren, Goicoechea.

Dunajska Streda 6 (Liba 8, Takac 14, 22, Pavlik 45, Micinec 46, Soltes 61)
Oesters Vaxjo 0
HT: 4-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Steindl (Aus)
Dunajska 6-2 on agg

FK Austria 4 (Pleva 4 and 14, Prohaska 5, Sekerlioglu 44, Percudani 73)
Zhalgiris Vilnius 2 (Baltusnikas 3, Fridrikas 51)
HT: 4-1. **Ref:** Girard (Fr). Played Oct 7. FK Austria 5-4 on agg

FK Austria: Wohlfahrt — Hermann, Obermaier, Degiorgy, Pfeffer, Sekerlioglu, Ogris, Prohaska, Percudani (Furtner 89), Konas, Pleva (Steger 85).

Zhalgiris: Yerkus — Baltusnikas, Sukristov, Fridrikas, Ianonis, Tautkus (Pankratiev 21; Krilyenas 76), Baranauskas, Ivanauskas, Yakubauskas, Rasyekas, Narbekovas.

GKS Katowice 2 (Furtok 5, Kubisztal 62)
Rangers 4 (Butcher 12, 16, Durrant 71, Ferguson 78)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** D'Elia (It)
Rangers 5-2 on agg

GKS: Jojko — Biegun, Piekarczyk, Wijas, Morcinek (Lesniak 83), Nawrocki, Rudy, Kapias — Walczak

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(Rzeznicek 83), Furtok, Kubisztal.

Rangers: Woods — Stevens, Gough, Butcher, Munro — Walters, Wilkins, I.Ferguson, Cooper — Durrant (McGregor 83), McCoist.

Hearts 2 (Black 24, Galloway 67)
St Patrick's Athletic 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Presberg (Nor)
Hearts 4-0 on agg

Hearts: Smith — Kidd, Berry, Whittaker, Galloway, McPherson, Colquhoun, Mackay, Ferguson, Black, Bannon (Foster 57).

St Patrick's: Henderson — Fleming, Kelch (P.Byrne 63), McDonnell, D.Byrne, Gaffney, O'Driscoll, Treacy (Reid 75), Moody, Fenlon, Dennis.

Ikast 2 (Johnny Hansen 62, Granlund 75)
Vienna 1 (Gerhardt Glassmeyer 5)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 3,371. **Ref:** Helen (Swe)
Vienna on away goals, 2-2 agg

Juventus 5 (De Agostini 17, Agiu og 26, Rui Barros 28, 71, Altobelli 49)
Otelul Galati 0
HT: 3-0. **Ref:** Thomas (Hol). Playing Oct 12. Juventus 5-1 on agg

Juventus: Tacconi — Bruno, De Agostini, Galia, Brio, Tricella, Marocchi (Magrin 82), Rui Barros, Altobelli (Buso 77), Mauro, Laudrup.

Otelul: Calagaru — Borali, Anghelini, G.Popescu, Stan, Agiu, Anghiu (Ralea 64), Antohi, Gigi, Burcea (Profir 46), O.Popescu.

Koln 2 (Littbarski 8, T. Allofs 10)
Antwerp 1 (Dekenne 3)
HT: 2-1. **Ref:** Karlsson (Swe). Played Oct 12. Koln 6-3 on agg

Legia Warsaw 3 (Kubicki 36, Robakiewicz 85, 88)
Bayern Munich 7 (Nachtweih 20, Ekstrom 23, 44, Augenthaler 41, Wegmann 78, 82, Eck 89)
HT: 1-4. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Martin (Eng)
Bayern 10-4 on agg

Legia: Szesny — Kaczmarek — Kubicki, Wdowczyk — Pisz, ArceusZ, Dziekanowski, Iwanicki — Latka, R.Robakiewicz, Terlecki.

Bayern: Aumann — Augenthaler (Eck 46) — Nachtweih, Grahammer — Pflugler, Reuter, Thon, Kogl, Flick — Wohlfarth (Wegmann 70), Ekstrom.

Liege 4 (Malbasa 8, 56, Veyt 34, 61)
US Luxembourg 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Foeckler (WG)
Liege 11-1 on agg

Liege: Stojic — Gusbin, Wegria, Giusto, Quaranta, Quain, Bosman, Boiffin, Veyt, Malbasa, Ernes.

US Luxembourg: Burini — Ganser, Wolff, Schonaert, Birsens, Heinisch, Groff, Feiereisen, Morocutti, Jeitz, Mellinger.

Linfield 1 (O'Boyle 75)
TPs 1 (Suominen 38)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 904. **Ref:** Goethal (Bel). Played in Wrexham.
TPs on away goals rule, 1-1 agg

Linfield: Dunlop — Coyle, Dornan, Knell, Jeffrey, McKeown, Khammal, Mooney (O'Boyle 70), McGaughey, Doherty, Burrows (Coly 59).

TPs: Eckerman — Heikkinen, Hannikainen, Sulonen, Johansson, Halonen, Jalo, Suominen, Lipponen, Laaksonen, Rajamaki.

Lokomotiv Leipzig 4 (Zimmerling 21, 28, Halata 59, 83)
FC Aarau 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 5,200. **Ref:** Natri (Fin)
Leipzig 7-0 on agg

Leipzig: Muller — Baum — Kracht, Lindner (Liebers 46), Barylla — Scholz, Halata, Bredow — Leitzke (Kuhn 70), Marschall, Zimmerling.

Aarau: Bockli — Osterwalder, Siegrist (Rossi 46), Meier, Daniel Wyss — Thomas Wyss, Herberth, Van der Gijp, Opoku Nti (Christian Wyss 70) — Knup, Matthey.

Minsk Dynamo 0
Trakia Plovdiv 0
Att: 20,000. **Ref:** Igna (Rum).
Minsk 2-1 on agg

Minsk: Satsunkevich — Radnionok, Metlitski, Gomanov, Shiroky (Antonovich 57), Zigmantovich, Gotsmanov, Derkach (Sokolov 85), Aleinikov, Gurinovich, Kondratiev.

Trakia: Vichev — Pachev, Mladenov, Govedarov, Rakov, Kochev, Kostadinov, Zaitsev, Pechlivanov, Dermendzhiev (Khvoinev 72), Vasilev.

Moscow Torpedo 2 (Grachov 18, Shikinbekov 66)
Malmo 1 (Ljung 104)
HT: 1-0. 90min: 2-0. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** (Galler (Swz)
Malmo 3-2 on agg

Nurnberg 1 (Eckstein 19)
Roma 3 (Voller 8, Policano 34, Renato 93)
HT: 1-2. 90min: 1-2. **Ref:** Butenko (SU). Played Oct 12 Roma 4-3 on agg; after extra time

Nurnberg: Kopke — Kuhn, Heidenreich, Dittmer, T.Brunner (Turr 100), Dusend, Philipkowski, H.Brunner, Sane (Stenzel 77), Schwabl, Eckstein.

Roma: Tancredi — Tempestili, Nela, Manfredonia, Oddi, Andrade, *Renato, Desideri, Voller (Gerolin 114), Giannini, Policano (Conti 91). *Renato sent off, 97min.

PAOK Salonika 1 (Skartados 65)
Napoli 1 (Careca 17)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Brummeier (Aus). Played Oct 6.
Napoli 2-1 on agg

PAOK: Gitsoidis — Karageorgiou, Mavreas, Mitoglu, Maliufas, Lagonidis (Iordanilis 61), Borbokis, Skartados, Karasavidis (Small 46), Fernando, Alexandridis.

Napoli: Giuliani — Ferrara, Francini, Corradini, Alemao, Renica, Crippa, De Napoli (Carannante 46), Careca, Maradona, Fusi.

Slavia Sofia 0
Partizan Belgrade 5 (Vokrri 48, Djordjevic 51, Grekov og 73, M.Djukic 80, V.Djukic 89)
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Conceicao Silva (Por). Played Oct 12

Slavia: Ananiev — Dimitrov, Tachev, Grekov, Venkov (Mitev 46), Kostov, Radev, Mironov, Aleksandrov, Simeonov, Zheluskov (Bozhkov 58).

Partizan: Omerovic — Sredojevic, Vojovic, Vermezovic, Djordjevic, Brnovic, Batrovic, Miljovic, V.Djukic, Vokrri (M.Djukic 58), Vucicevic (Shepovic 66).

Tatabanya 2 (Csapo 54, Schmidt 82)
Stuttgart 1 (Allgower 78pen)
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Nikakis (Gr). Playing Oct 11
Stuttgart 3-2 on agg

Tatabanya: Kiss — Vincze, Lakatos, Udvardi (Dobesch 58), Szalma — P.Nagy, Vaczi, Csapo, Schmidt — Kiprich, Plotar.

Stuttgart: Immel — Schaffer (Stremmel 84), Allgower, Zietsch, Buchwald — Hartmann, Katanec, Sigurvinsson (Schroder 84) — Walter, Klinsmann, Gaudino.

Sturm Graz 0
Servette 0
Att: 7,000. **Ref:** Crucke (Bel)
Servette 1-0 on agg

Sturm: Konrad — Petrovic — Kogler, Schauss, Zellhofer (Hainzl 46), Huberts — Temm, Werner, Turmer (Fasching 30) — Koschak, Holzer.

Servette: Kobel — Besnard — Hasler, Bamert, Schallibaum — Cacciapaglia, Favre — Sinval, Rummenigge, Eriksen, Bonvin.

Ujpest Dozsa 2 (Steidl 44, Katona 72)
Akranes 1 (Thordarsson 68)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 1,000. **Ref:** Tsonchev (Bul)
Ujpest 2-1 on agg

Ujpest: Grof — Schneider, Kovacs, Szlezak (Kecskes 58) — Kozma, Temesvari, Klink, Szabo — Schroth, Steidl (Vojtekovszki 86), Katona.

Akranes: Gittskalsson — Gunnarsson (Gudlaugsson 18), Hognasson, S.Jonsson, Gudmundsson — K.Thordarsson, Duffield, O.Thordarsson, Gislason (G.Jonsson 61) — A.Viglundsson, Ingolfsson.

Waregem 5 (Niederbacher 43, 47, Christiaens 70, 74, Teppers 85)
Molde 1 (Rekdal 80)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Koupe (Aus)
Waregem 5-1 on agg

Waregem: Galje (DeSchepper 46) — Decraeye, Desloover, Mertens, Borkelmans, Teppers, McDonagh, Karagiannis, Van Baekel, Christiaens, Niederbacher.

Molde: Olsen — Sperre, Eikrem, Stavrum, Moeller, Hestad, Bert, Rekdal, Evensen (Wenaas 16), Neerland, Flo.

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Brugge v Monaco
Celtic v Werder Bremen
Gornik v Real Madrid
Milan v Red Star Belgrade
Nentori v IFK Gothenburg
Neuchatel Xamax v Galatasaray
PSV Eindhoven (holders) v Porto
Steaua v Moscow Spartak

CUP-WINNERS' CUP
Barcelona v Lech Poznan
Cardiff v Aarhus
Carl Zeiss Jena v Sampdoria
CFKA Sofia v Panathinaikos
Dundee Utd v Dinamo Bucharest
Eintracht Frankfurt v Sakaryaspor
Mechelen (holders) v Anderlecht
Roda JC v Metallist Kharkov

UEFA CUP
Bayern Munich v Dunajska Streda
Dinamo Zagreb v Stuttgart
Dynamo Dresden v Waregem
Minsk Dynamo v Victoria Bucharest
Groningen v Servette
Hearts v FK Austria
Internazionale v Malmo
Liege v Benfica
Lok Leipzig v Napoli
Juventus v Bilbao
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Rangers v Koln
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Ujpest Dozsa v Bordeaux
Velez Mostar v Belenenses
Vienna v TPs

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Guayaquil — intl friendly
Ecuador 1 (Cuvi 79pen)
Paraguay 5 (Britez Roman 3, Almiron 22, Rivarola 29, Roman 56, Ferreyra 89)
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Jacome (Ec).

Ecuador: Cevallos (Chiriboga) — Quinteros, Macias, Suarez, Pazmino (Capurro), Marin (Dominguez), Delgado (Cuvi), Marsetti, Munoz, Tenorio, Guerrero (Mosquera).

Paraguay: Fernandez — Caceres, Rivarola, Jackett, Chamorro, Caballero, Franco, Roman (Aranda), Almiron (Ferreyra), Britez Roman (Leon), Palacios.

PARAGUAY opened the scoring after only three to canter towards an easy victory in this warm-up game for both teams for next year's World Cup qualifiers.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

La Serena — intl friendly
Chile 3 (Salgado 7, Alvarez 67, Rodriguez 88)
Ecuador 1 (Cuvi)
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Pedro Roa (Ch). **Att:** 4,000.

Chile: Osben — Ahumada, Tello, Puebla, Henriquez, Valenzuela, Ramirez, Rodriguez, Salgado, Perez, Martinez (Alvarez).

Ecuador: Morales — Fajardo, Macias, Quinonez, Capurro, Dominguez, Marsetti, Cuvi, Munoz, Tenorio, Aviles.

MORE disappointment for Ecuador's new Yugoslav manager, Dusan Drascovic — the only matter of dispute being whether the Chileans' third goal should have been credited to Rodriguez or awarded as an own goal against Dominguez.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Amsterdam — WC Euro gp 4
Holland 1 (Gullit 82)
Wales 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 58,000. **Ref:** Damgaard (Den)

Holland: Van Breukelen — Van Aerle, Rijkaard, R.Koeman, Van Tiggelen — Vanenburg (Kieft 66), Wouters, E.Koeman, Kruzen — Gullit, Van Basten.

Wales: Southall — Hall, Knill, Nicholas, Blackmore — Williams, Davies, Aizlewood, Horne — Rush, Hughes (Saunders 76).

A MAGNIFICENT performance by Neville Southall in goal for injury-savaged Wales was not quite enough. Dutch skipper Ruud Gullit awoke from an anonymous night with eight minutes to go. His initial header to Ronald Koeman's free kick was tipped against the bar by Southall but Gullit followed up to head into the empty net. After the match Wales

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manager Terry Yorath described Southall as "inspirational," debutant Dutch manager Thys Libregts described him as "wonderful" and West Germany's spying boss, Franz Beckenbauer, called him "the best in the world."

Oslo — WC Euro gp 5
Norway 1 (Fjortoft 44)
Scotland 2 (McStay 14, Johnston 62)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 22,769. **Ref:** Agnolin (It)

Norway: Thorstvedt — Henriksen, Johnsen, Bratseth, Giske, Osvold, Brandhaug, Loken, Sorloth, Sundby (Berg 2; Jakobsen 84), Fjortoft.

Scotland: Leighton — Nicol, Malpas, Hillespie, McLeish, Miller, Aitken (Durrant 55), McStay, Johnston, McClair, Gallacher.

INJURY-WEAKENED Scotland took their first step along the road to their fifth consecutive finals when they grabbed a draw thanks to goals from McStay and Johnston. These were, in fact, the first goals Scotland had scored in March, presenting their first victory in seven games. McStay hit a fine opener after Mo Johnston turned a long pass from Miller into his path. Just after the hour Johnston turned poacher by shooting the winner after a Gillespie-Gallacher move.

Inbetween, just on half-time, Jan Age Fjortoft headed a controversial, temporary equaliser even though Erland Johnsen was standing offside. Norway manager Ingvar Stadheim said: "I was satisfied with the performance but very disappointed with the result. We were in control but conceded two bad goals." Scotland manager Andy Roxburgh was pleased with both performance and result — apart perhaps from the rugged display which earned Roy Aitken his substitution before he could be sent off.

Belfast — WC Euro gp 6
Northern Ireland 0
Rep. Ireland 0
Att: 19, 873. **Ref:** Vautrot (Fr)

N.Ireland: McKnight — Donaghy (Rogan 46), McDonald, McClelland, Worthington — Penney, Wilson, M.O'Neill, Black — Quinn, Clarke.

Rep.Ireland: Peyton — Morris, McCarthy, Moran, Hughton — Houghton, McGrath, Whelan, Sheedy — Cascarino, Aldridge.

THE two Irelands had met only twice before, in the 1980 European championship qualifiers. Then the North won one match and the other was drawm. The Republic will never, however, come closer to victory without getting there. Tony Cascarino saw McKnight tip his header against the post after only three minutes and there were a string of other chances — Michael O'Neill once clearing off the line from Ray Houghton.

Wembley — intl friendly
England 1 (Webb 28)
Denmark 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 25,837. **Ref:** Ponnet (Bel)

England: Shilton (Woods 46) — Stevens, Butcher, Adams (Walker 65), Pearce — Rocastle, Webb, Robson, Hodge — Beardsley (Gascoigne 85), Harford (Cottee 70).

Denmark: Rasmussen — J.Hansen, B.Jensen (Heintze 65), K.Nielsen, L.Olsen, Bartram (Jorgensen 85), Molby, Helt, Vilfort (Kristensen 85), Elstrup, Laudrup.

ENGLAND included a string a newcomers in the squad, including Arsenal's Rocastle, Davis and Thomas as well as new Spur Paul Gascoigne, but it was the old establishment on whom manager Bobby Robson relied in the end.

Denmark had made many more changes in their rebuilding work but it was one of the old hands, keeper Troels Rasmussen, who let them down. In the 28th minute he punched out poorly after a centre from Bryan Robson and Neil Webb was there to shoot the only goal. Another of the Danes' more experienced players, Michael Laudrup, wasted their best chance after a mistake by Terry Butcher in the 73rd minute.

Oviedo — intl friendly
Spain 1 (Michel 26)
Yugoslavia 2 (Bazdarevic 46, Cvetkovic 85)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Da Silva (Por)

Spain: Zubizarreta (Ablanedo 84) — Chendo, Soler (Quique Flores), Andrinua (Paxti Ferreira 84), Sanchis, Paxti Salinas (Nando), Butragueno (Julio Salinas), Michel, Roberto, Martin Vazquez, Beguiristain.

Yugoslavia: Ivkovic — Elsner, Radanovic, Hadzibegic, Juric, Bazdarevic, Zlatko Vujovic, M.Jankovic, Milojevic (Krivokapic 80), Mlinaric, Cvetkovic.

NOT an ideal start for new Spain manager Luis Suarez — although the hosts led at half-time thanks to a goal scored by Real Madrid midfielder Michel and created by one of Barcelona's new signings from Real Sociedad, Aitor Beguiristain. Yugoslavia fought their way back into the game and Mehmed Bazdarevic was narrowly off target just before the interval. One minute after the break Bazdarevic equalised on a pass from Milan Jankovic (formerly Real Madrid but now Anderlecht). Then, with five minutes remaining, Borislav Cvetkovic took advantage of a mistake by newcomer Quique Flores to shoot past keeper Ablanedo — who had only entered the match himself one minute earlier.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Prague — intl friendly
Czechoslovakia 4 (Luhovy 12, Bilek 48, Danek 69, 82)
Austria 2 (Pacult 58, Willfurth 91)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 3,486. **Ref:** Kirschen (EG)

Czechoslovakia: Stejskal — Chovanec — Bielik, Kinier, Kadlec, Bilek — Weiss, Nemecek (Fieber 31), Hyravy (Moravcik 46)- Luhovy (Danek 46), Griga (Skuhravy 767).

Austria: Lindenberger (Wohlfart 46) — Pecl (Schottel 46), H.Weber, Pfeffer, Hormann — Artner, Willfurth, Zsak (Glatzmayer 76), Herzog — Ogris (Pacult 46), Polster.

THERE were contrasting conclusions for both nations, meeting in the Slavia stadium with World Cup ties on their minds. The Czechoslovaks, preparing to travel to Luxembourg, were delighted to score four goals in a full international for the first time in four years. But Austria, due to travel to the Soviet Union, received cold comfort from their third successive game without victory. Two-goal star for the hosts was Vaclav Danek, who substituted for first-half marksman Luhovy at half-time.

Constanta — friendly intl
Rumania 3 (Belodedici 22, Hagi 35, Camataru 81)
Albania 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Eksztein (Pol)

Rumania: Lung — Iovan (Bumebescu 72), Andone, Belododici, Ungureanu — Sabau (Mateut 60), Gh.Popescu (E.Sandoi 60), Rotariu (Klein 46), Hagi — Lacatus, Vaiscovici (Camataru 46).

Albania: Mersini — Lekbello, Hodja, Taho, Jera — Ghega, Josa, Kepoay (Bobici 80), Kola — Sehu (Kusta 38), Minga.

THE notable feature of this match was not that England's World Cup rivals Albania were comfortably beaten, but that they played at all. Albania's political isolation means that, apart from World Cup and European championship duties, they have never featured on the international scene. Now, within six weeks, they managed two non-competitive games — this defeat in the Rumanian port of Constanta following a goalless draw at home to Cuba in mid-August.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Luxembourg — World Cup Euro gp 7
Luxembourg 1 (Langers 80)
Switzerland 4 (Sutter 15 sec, Turkyilmaz 21pen, 53, Sutter 28)
HT: 0-3. **Att:** 2,500. **Ref:** Van Swieten (Hol)

Luxembourg: Van Rijswijk — Meunier, Bossi, Weiss, Petry, Girres (Scuto 63), Hellers, Jeitz, Scholten, Langers, Krings (Morocutti 73).

Switzerland: Corminboeuf — Geiger — Tschuppert, Martin Weber, Mottiez, Andermatt (Lei-Ravello 70), Hermann, Favre, Beat Sutter, Turkyilmaz, Alain Sutter (Bonvin 79).

SWITZERLAND set off down the World Cup road in ideal style, taking the lead after only 15 seconds when Alain Sutter converted a pass from Kubilay Turkyilmaz. At the other end Guy Hellers had a long-range effort saved by keeper Corminboeuf before the Swiss went two-up. This time Beat Sutter was tripped by Marcel Bossi and Turkyilmaz converted the penalty. Another seven minutes and a rout was on the cards as Swiss skipper Heinz Hermann threaded his pass through a defensive gap and Beat Sutter flicked the ball home. Eight minutes after the interval it was the turn of Turkyilmaz to beat the offside trap and score. Luxembourg grabbed a consolation goal in the 80th minute when Jeitz passed up to Scholten and Roby Langers shot home.

Cottbus — intl friendly
East Germany 1 (Ernst 29)
Poland 2 (Furtok 60 and 82)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 11,500. **Ref:** Matusik (Cz)

East Germany: Weissflog (Rudwaleit 46) — Stahmann — Lindner, Rohde, Doschner — Steinmann, Ernst (Stubner 65), Raab (Scholz 85) — Kirsten, Thom, Doll (Sammer 65).

Poland: Wandzik — R.Warzycha, Bendkowski, Lukasik, Wdowczyk — Tarasiewicz (Ziober 46), Rudy, Urban — K.Warzycha, Furtok, Smolarek.

JAN FURTOK, the GKS Katowice star who is threatening Glasgow Rangers' progress in Europe, could mean danger for England too. After East Germany took a first-half lead it was Furtok whose goals turned the match around. Hamburg officials, who decided a couple of weeks earlier that Furtok was too expensive a prospective investment at £600,000, may have had second thoughts.

Reykjavik — intl friendly
Iceland 0
Hungary 3 (Kiprich 3 and 19, Vincze 16)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Helen (Swe)

Iceland: Sigurdsson — Thordarsson, Bergsson, Edvaldsson, Thorkelsson I — Ormslev (Thorkelsson II 80), Siggi Jonsson, Saevar Jonsson, Gislasson — Margeirsson (Davidsson 60), Gretarsson.

Hungary: P.Disztl (Gaspar 78) — Sallai, A.Nagy (Pinter 46), Roth (Meszoly 78), Keller — Kozma, Gyimesi (Gregor 46), E.Kovacs, Vincze — Kiprich (Fodor 78), Hajszan.

HUNGARY restored Antal Nagy in defence for the first time since his involvement in a match-fixing case and looked the more secure for his experience alongside that of Roth. Kiprich struck twice and Vincze added another early goal so that, with less than 20 minutes gone, the match was all over. Much to the irritation of their manager, Gyorgy Mezey, the visitors then relaxed. One of the Hungarians' substitutes, Geza Meszoly, is the son of the former national manager and 1966 World Cup defender.

Istanbul — intl friendly
Turkey 3 (Tanju 9 pen, Oguz 41, Ridvan 68)
Greece 1 (Nikos Anastopulos 39)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 30,593. **Ref:** Vockler (WG)

Turkey: Fatih — recep, Cuneyt, Mucahit, Semih — Oguz (Ismail 75), Unal, Metin (Hasan 65) — Ridvan, Tanju (Zeki 58), Erdal (K.Savas 42).

Greece: Sarganis (Talikridis 48) — Hatsiathanasolu, Mavridis, Manolas, Kolomitrusis — Skartados (Mihas 73), Mitropulos (Tsiolis 73), Tsaluyidis, Noblias — Saravakos, Anastopulos.

THE first match between Turkey and Greece in 36 years went off in a peaceful and enthusiastic atmosphere. Among the crowd in the Inonu stadium was Turkish Premier Turgut Ozal as well as Sports Minister Hasan Celal Guzel. They saw Turkey attack from the start and go ahead from a ninth-minute penalty. Greece had a chance to equalise in the 31st minute when they were awarded a spot-kick of their own. Nikos Anastopulos's penalty was saved, however, by Turkish keeper Fatih Uraz. Anastopulos made amends soon after by shooting an equaliser after Fatih could not hold a drive from Giorgis Skartados. But within two more minutes Turkey were back ahead as Oguz Cetin converted a short pass from Ridvan Dilmen. In the 68th minute Ridvan secured victory but the Turks might have scored even more, squandering several clear-cut chances.

Dusseldorf — intl friendly
West Germany 1 (Shmatovalenko og 57)
Soviet Union 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 16,000. **Ref:** Galler (Swz)

West Germany: Illgner — Reuter, Pflugler (K.Reinhardt 46), Rolff, Kohler (Buchwald 64), Herget, Littbarski, Moller, Allofs, Hermann, Eckstein.

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Soviet Union: Chanov — Aleinikov — Demianenko, Kuznetsov, Shmatavolenko (Sukristov 71) — Xigmantovich, Litovchenko, Cherenkov (Rats 46) — Belanov, Protasov, Blokhin (Gotsmanov 46).

MANY West German stars were unavailable to face the Soviets. Goalkeeper Immel has walked out on the squad, Brehme and Matthsus were both involved in Italian cup games for Internazionale of Milan, and the likes of Klinsmann, Mill, Hsssler, Fach and Gtrtz were on Olympic duty in Seoul. The Soviets were also weakened. Goalkeeper/captain Rinat Dasayev was down with flu, while muscle strains ruled out Rodionov. In addition, forward Mikhailichenko was performing at the Olympics in Seoul. Thus the Soviets recalled veteran Oleg Blokhin for his 109th cap — the first foreign-based player ever to appear for the Soviets since he plays now for Vorwsrts Steyr of Austria. But it was a Soviet newcomer who decided the outcome — Sergei Shmatovalenko diverting a Knut Reinhardt centre beyond keeper Viktor Chanov. Five minutes later the Soviets wasted their best chance when luckless Igor Belanov rounded keeper Bodo Illgner but hit a post.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Asuncion — Boqueron cup semi-final
Uruguay 2 (Dalto 15, Herrera 85)
Ecuador 1 (Izquierdo 74)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Gonzalez (Par).

Uruguay: Zeoli — Panzarde (Rebollo), Sanchez, Pereira, Herrera, Suarez, Cabrera, Moas, Martinez (Borges), Da Silva, Dalto.

Ecaudor: Morales — Izquierdo, Quinonez, Quinteros (Macias), Capurro, Fajardo, Aguinaga, Cuvi, Marsetti (Minda), Tenorio, Aviles.

ECUADOR'S Capurro and Uruguay's Borges were sent off as Uruguay, their team made up mostly of players from Danubio, reached the final of this four-team tournament.

Asuncion — Boqueron cup semi-final
Paraguay 2 (Roman 11, Reyes og 30)
Chile 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Felix (Brz)

Paraguay: Fernandez — Caceres, Rivarola, Jacqet, Chamorro, Caballero, Franco, Roman (Aranda), Escobar (Almiron), Briytez Roman, Palacios.

Chile: Osben — Tello, Contreras, Puebla (Rainero), F.Perez, Rodriguez, Cruz (Salgado), R.Perez, Ramirez, Martinez.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Paris — WC Euro gp 5
France 1 (Papin 84pen)
Norway 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Haberman (EG)

France: Bats — Amoros, Boli (Kastendeuch 63), Casoni, Sonor — Sauzee, Bravo, Dib, Passi (Paille 76) — Papin, Xuereb.

Norway: Thorstvedt — Henriksen (Halle), Johnsen, Kojedal, Giske — Osvold (Gulbrandsen 81), Brandhaug, Bratseth, Berg — Sorloth, Jakobsen.

SCOTLAND'S recent victory in Norway was put in more generous perspective by France's failure to secure a home victory over the Scandinavians until six minutes from time — and then courtesy of a Jean-Pierre Papin penalty after Daniel Bravo was fouled by visiting captain Anders Giske. Otherwise Norway were secure in defence if weak in attack. The nearest France came to a first-half goal was in the 35th minute when a shot from skipper Manuel Amoros skimmed the bar. At the other former Nottingham Forest man Kjetil Osvold saw a diving header well saved at close range by Joel Bats. France manager Henri Michel said: "At last we are getting our act together. We could have won by more goals."

Copenhagen — intl friendly
Denmark 1 (Bartram 15)
Iceland 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 6,500.

Denmark: Schmeichel — Sivebaek (J.Hansen 46), L.Olsen, K.Nielsen, Heintze — J.Jensen, Helt, Bartram, Vilfort (Moseby 46) — Elstrup, Strudel.

Iceland: Fridriksson — Gislasson, Ormslev, Edvaldsson, Bergsson — Torfasson, Sigurvinsson, Thordarsson, Jonsson — Gudjohnsen, Gretarsson.

FORMER Glasgow Ranger Jan Bartram restored Denmark to winning ways after their defeat at Wembley.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Asuncion — Boqueron Cup 3rd place play-off
Ecuador 0
Chile 0
Att: 15,000. **Ref:** Martinez (Par)
Ecuador 3-2 on pens

Ecuador: Morales — Izquierdo, Quinonez, Macias, Quinteros, Fajardo, Marsetti, Aguinaga, Cuvi, Aviles, B.Tenorio.

Chile: Osben — Reyes (Ahumada), Tello, Contreras, Puebla, Renero, F.Perez, Rodriguez, Cruz, J.Rodriguez, Alvarez (Martinez).

CHILE'S Perez, Ramirez and Martinez all wasted their spot kicks as the South American championship runners-up slipped to fourth place.

Asuncion — Boque on cup final
Paraguay 3 (Palacios 40, Franco 44, Jacqet 45)
Uruguay 1 (Da Silva 75)
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Felix (Brz)

Paraguay: Fernandez — Caceres, Caballero, Rivarola (Ruiz Vieira), Jacqet, Franco, Chamorro, Roman, Escobar (Ferreya), Britez Roman, Palacios.

Uruguay: Zeoli — Herrera, Rebollo, Sanchez, Cabrera, Pereira, Moas, Suarez (Martinez), Baez, Da Silva, Dalto.

A burst of three goals in five minute brought Paraguay tournament triumph in a final largely dominated by the young Uruguayans.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Istanbul — World Cup European group 3
Turkey 1 (Onal 73)
Iceland 1 (O.Torfasson 62)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 25,680. RefL Ovadia (Isrl)

Turkey: Fatih — Recep (Feyyaz 57), Semih, Cuneyt, Mucahit, Gokhan, Oguz, Ridvan, Onal, Tanju, K.Savas.

Iceland: Fredricksson — Gislasson, Edvaldsson, Aruthorsson (Askelsson 79), Bergsson, Johunsson, Margeirsson, O.Torfasson, G.Torfasson, Gudjohnsson, Thordarsson.

IT'S rare for Iceland to have the chance of looking down a group table on qualifying rivals. But that was what this draw provided in the Inonu stadium on the European bank of the Bosphorus. Turkey wasted a chance to go ahead just before the interval when Tanju Colak, Europe's Golden Boot winner last season, saw Fredricksson save a penalty. Then Iceland went ahead in the 62nd minute when Omar Torfasson shot home a Thordarsson cross. Turkey equalised with a volleyed goal from Erhandnal.

Antwerp — intl friendly
Belgium 1 (Clijsters 64)
Brazil 2 (Geovani 24, 31 pen)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Schmidhuber (WG)

Belgium: Preud'homme (Bodart 75) — Grun, Demol, Clijsters, Versavel — Veyt, Franky Van der Elst, Scifo (Christiaens 57), Vercauteren (Vervoort 57) — Severeyns, Ceulemans (Nilis 46).

Brazil: Taffarel — Luiz Carlos, Batista, Andre Cruz, Jorginho — Neto (Ze do Carmo 77), Ademir, Careca II, Geovani — Romario, Joao Paulo (Betinho 70).

BRAZIL, inspired by two goals from skipper Geovani, withstood a late Belgian rally to underline the strength and resilience of their Olympic Games silver medal team. Brazil dominated the first half and went ahead in the 24th minute when Geovani curled a typical Brazilian free kick beyond Michel Preud'homme. Seven minutes later, after Georges Grun brought down Joao Paulo., Geovani made it 2-0 from the penalty spot. Perhaps jet lag was to blame as Brazil tired in the second half. Poor marking allowed Leo Clijsters to head in for Belgium. Taffarel made fine second-half stops from Luc Nilis and Bruno Versavel as Brazil held out. Romario, just signed by PSV Eindhoven for £3 million, made one brilliant run past three players early in the first half, but thereafter disappeared from the match.

Limassol — intl friendly
Cyprus 0
Malta 1 (Busuttil 88)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,000.

Cyprus: Pantzarias — Miamiliotis, Kastanas, Socratous, Pittas — Floros, Savva, Yiangudakis — Koliandris, Christofi, Ioannou.

Malta: Cluett — Buttigieg, Scicluna, Camilleri, Azzopardi — Drincard, S.Vella, Scerri, Degiorgio — Busuttil, Carabot.

CYPRUS warmed up with an unfortunate result for their World Cup opener against France. Malta's one professional export, Carmel Busuttil, grabbed a late, late winner (Cyprus are in Scotland's World Cup group; Malta in the Irish group).

Seville — intl friendly
Spain 1 (Butragueno 7)
Argentina 1 (Caniggia 43)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 60,250. **Ref:** Longhi (It)

Spain: Zubizarreta — Quique Ramos (Jimenez 46), Lopez Recarte, Sanchis, Andrinua, Roberto Martinez, Baquero, Michel, Martin Vazquez, Butragueno (Julio Salinas 85), Beguiristain (Pachi Salinas 80).

Argentina: Pumpido — Cuciuffo, Fabbri (Olarticoechea 56), Ruggeri, Brown, Batista, Caniggia (Dezotti 76), Troglio, Giusti, Maradona (Tapia 74), Calderon.

A draw was a fair result in a match arranged to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Spanish federation. Spain were given an ideal start with a seventh-minute goal from Emilio Butragueno, who side-footed home from close range after Michel had drawn keeper Nery Pumpido (who now plays in Seville but in the Villamarin stadium for Betis). Argentina protested vainly that Butragueno had been offside. But their protests were more valid two minutes later when Butragueno was refused a 'goal' for offside. The World Cup holders replied with two brilliant actions by skipper Diego Maradona — first he shot just over the bar, then his angled shot was cleared off the line by Andrinua. In the 39th minute the luckless Butragueno hit a post. The importance of that slice of bad luck was revealed in the 43rd when Argentina equalised thanks to the Verona connection — Pedro Troglio's pass being converted by Claudio Caniggia.

Gothenburg — intl friendly
Sweden 0
Portugal 0
Att: 10,092. **Ref:** Nervik (Nor)

Sweden: T.Ravelli — R.Nilsson, Hysen, Larsson, Ljung — Thern, Stromberg, Prytz (Joakim Nilsson 78), Limpar — Holmqvist, Pettersson (Ekstrom 68).

Portugal: Silvino — Fernando Mendes, Morato, Oliveira, Toni — Nunes, Oceano, Sousa, Jaime Magalhaes (Vitor Paneira 46) — Chalana (Gomes 78), Jordao.

ENGLAND manager Bobby Robson was among the sparse crowd in the Ullevi stadium to see Sweden held by an unambitious Portuguese team. Midfielders Glenn Peter Stromberg and Robert Prytz — who both play for Atalanta in Italy — were the most dangerous raiders. Stromberg laid on some impressive crosses while Prytz was three times narrowly off target with his long-range shooting.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Esch-sur-Alzette — WC Euro gp 7
Luxembourg 0
Czechoslovakia 2 (Hasek 25, Chovanec 35)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 2,500. **Ref:** Colic (Yug)

Luxembourg: Van Rijswijck — Meunier, Scheuer, Petry, Bossi, Jeitz (Girres 82), Hellers, Weis, Scholten, Langers, Krings (Morocutt 61).

Czechoslovakia: Stejskal — Bielik, Kadlec, Hasek, Bilek, Nemecek, Fieber, Chovanec, Griga (Danek 81), Skuhravy, Weiss (Hyravy 75).

CZECHOSLOVAKIA opened their World Cup qualifying campaign with less decisive a victory than manager Josef Venglos had hoped for. After an uncertain start Czechoslovakia slipped into gear with two goals in a ten-minute spell midway through the first half. First Ivan Hasek hooked a shot home after Luxembourg had failed to clear a loose ball in the penalty box. Then Josef Chovanec's inswinging corner caught keeper John Van Rijswijck by surprise as it sailed into the net. Vaclev Nemecek wasted a good chance in the 16th minute and Stanislav Griga had a 'goal' ruled out just before half-time because of offside. In the second half Luxembourg launched several comparatively daring raids of their own. Jan Stejskal did well to keep out a 30-yard drive from Guy Hellers and, later, dived bravely at the feet of Roby Langers.

Tel-Aviv — intl friendly
Israel 2
Malta 0

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Brussels — WC Euro gp 7
Belgium 1 (Vervoort 30)
Switzerland 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 14,450. **Ref:** Syme (Scot)

Belgium: Bodart — Grun, Clijsters, Demol, Versavel — Emmers, Franky Van der Elst, Scifo, Vervoort — Ceulemans, Nilis (Severeyns 76).

Switzerland: Corminboeuf — Mottiez, Geiger, Weber, Schallibaum — Andematt (Bonvin 76), Hermann, Favre — Zuffi, Beat Sutter, Turkyilmaz.

AS the Heysel disaster trial reached the end of its second, controversial day so the old stadium was the venue for Belgium's first World Cup match of the new campaign. The Belgians deserved victory from a match they dominated most of the time. They had the chances to have punished a disorganised Swiss defence much more effectively. Belgium's veteran manager Guy Thys said: "It should have been all over by half-time." Instead the only goal Belgium had to show was a diving header by Patrick Vervoort after Enzo Scifo had sent Georges Grun clear on the right to cross the ball. Earlier Vervoort had fired over the top, Luc Nilis had headed just too high and keeper Corminboeuf had saved right on the goal-line from Marc Emmers. Then came the Belgian goal from Vervoort which was followed by another effort — ruled offside by referee Syme — from veteran Jan Ceulemans. Substitute forward Francis Severeyns was also unlucky after appearing in the 76th minute. First he headed a Ceulemans cross against a post, then he had a shot headed off the goal-line by Lucien Favre, before seeing another break foiled by the bravery of Corminboeuf. Ceulemans was, however, the man of the match. In the 83rd minute Stephane Demol was denied a goal because of offside after a superb through pass from Ceulemans. It could have proved a costly refusal. Switzerland's Kubilay Turkyimaz broke clear in the 88th minute only to see his shot well stopped by keeper Bodart.

Sofia — WC Euro gp 1
Bulgaria 1 (Kolev 31)
Rumania 3 (Mateut 25, Camataru 79, 89)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 52,000. **Ref:** Listkiewicz (Pol)

Bulgaria: Mikhailov — Nikolov, Rankov, Vasev (Kiryakov 55), Iliev, Stoichkov, Sadkov, Yordanov, Getov, Alexandrov (Kolev 30), Penev.

Rumania: Lung — Iovan, Andone, Belodedici, Rotariu, Mateut (Klein 55), Sabau, Hagi, Popescu, Lacatus (Vaiscovici 66), Camataru.

BULGARIA, without three top players because of injury, left the pitch with boos and jeers ringing in their ears after a game in which their best efforts on goal all stemmed from dead ball incidents. Rumania went ahead after 25 minutes through Dorin Mateut. Bulgaria equalised thanks to a managerial master strike by boss Boris Anghelov. He substituted Petar Alexandrov with Hristo Kolev, who scored from a free kick within half a minute of his arrival. Bulgaria might have gone ahead in the 59th minute but Sadkov's shot struck a post. Then former Golden Boot winner Rodion Camataru restored Rumania's lead after a poor clearance by keeper Mikhailov. With one minute left Camataru held off a challenge from Georgi Yordanov to score Rumania's third. Bulgaria boss Angjelov said: "We've already lost virtually any chance of qualifying."

East Berlin — WC Euro gp 3
East Germany 2 (Thom 34 and 88)
Iceland 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Halle (Nor)

East Germany: Weissflog — Kreer, Schossler, Stahmann, Lindner, Doschner, Raab, Ernst, Stubner (Sammer 34), Kirsten, Thom.

Iceland: Sigurdsson — *Jonsson, Bergsson, Edvaldsson, Gislasson, Thordarsson, O.Torfasson, Gudjohnsen, Sigurvinsson, Gretarsson, G.Torfasson (Margeirsson 77). *Saevar Jonsson sent off, 71min.

EAST German Footballer of the Year Andreas Thom scored a goal in each half to tip Iceland from the top of the group — though his second goal did not arrive until Iceland had been reduced to ten men after the expulsion of fullback Saevar Jonsson. German boss Bernd Stange said: "The important thing is that we got off to a winning start in the group." Iceland's manager, Siggi Held, said: "We are disappointed. The first goal came after a foul — the referee did us no favours at all."

Wembley — WC Euro gp 2
England 0
Sweden 0
Att: 65,628. **Ref:** Biguet (Fr)

England: Shilton — Stevens, Pearce, Webb, Adams (Walker 64), Butcher, Robson, Beardsley, Waddle, Lineker, Barnes (Cottee 79).

Sweden: Ravelli — R.Nilsson (Schiller 77), Hysen, P.Larsson, Ljung — Thern, Stromberg, Prytz, J.Nilsson, Holmqvist (Ekstrom 63) — Pettersson.

GARY LINEKER, continuing where he left off unhappy in the European championship finals, missed England's best chance in a bruising match from which Sweden centre-back Glenn Hysen emerged as man-of-the-match. Sweden's best chance came when a Tony Adams let in Robert Prytz but the Swedish midfielder shot hastily and too high. Chris Waddle, playing further forward than usual, had a 15th-minute 'goal' disallowed for offside. England's under-pressure manager Bobby Robson said: "I'm disappointed we didn't get two points. I think we deserved to win."

Athens — WC Euro gp 1
Greece 1 (Mitropulos 41)
Denmark 1 (Povlsen 56)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Krchnak (Cz)

Greece: Talikariadis — Hatziathanasiu, Manolas, Mavridis, Kolomitrousis, Skartados (Karapialis 74), Tsalouhides, Bonovas, Mitropulos (Georgamlis 56), Saravakos, Anastopulos.

Denmark: Schmeichel — Heintze, I.Nielsen, L.Olsen, Sivebaek (Kristensen 46), Bartram, Helt, J.Jensen, Povlsen, Laudrup, Brylle (Elstrup 75).

BOTH teams played cautiously in the Athens Olympic stadium but Denmark had the better chances — squandering three in the first half in the first half before Greece went ahead when Tasos Mitropulos headed home after a Dimitris Saravakos corner just before the interval. Mitropulos was later booked for a foul on John Jensen. Then, a minute later, Jensen helped Heintze in setting up the equaliser for Lars Olsen. Both teams were denied penalty claims — Greece when Heintze appeared to handle in the box and Denmark when Povlsen was bundled to the ground when about to shoot from close range.

Budapest — WC Euro gp 6
Hungary 1 (Vincze 84)
Northern Ireland 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Rothliesberger (Swz)

Hungary: P.Disztl — Sallai, Nagy, Sass, Meszoly (Dajka 46), Garaba, Kiprich, Kozma, Bognar, Detari, Hajszan (Vincze 81).

Northern Ireland: McKnight — Rogan, Worthington, McClelland, McDonald, Donaghy, Dennison, D.Wilson, Clarke (Quinn 81), O'Neill (K.Wilson 58), Black.

ISTVAN VINCZE, playing only because he agreed to pay his own fare home from Lecce in Italy where he now plays, scored a superbly-judged winner just three minutes after entering the game. The Irish played with a five-man midfield which stifled the Hungarians' talent for most of the game. They also created one notable chance in the 13th minute when Nigel Worthington waited too long after a Danny Wilson free kick dropped over the Hungarian defence and Peter Disztl smothered the shot. At half-time Hungary manager Gyorgy Mezey put on attacking midfielder Dajka instead of defender Meszoly and the change showed immediate results — with Lajos Detari hitting a post and Bognar firing the rebound just wide. Mezey said: "I was pleased we did not lose heart or fall apart when goals would not come early on. Any team in Europe would be pleased to beat a side like this Northern Ireland one."

Chorzow — WC Euro gp 2
Poland 1 (K.Warzycha 78)
Albania 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Salomir (Rum)

Poland: Wandzik — Robert Warzycha, Wojcicki, Lukasik, Wdowczyk — Matsik (Ziober 46), Krzystof Warzycha, Urban, Furtok (Komornicki 73), Rudy — Smolarek.

Albania: Mersini — Alimehmeti, Josa, Hodja, Gega, Iera, Shehu (Stoia 70), Lekbello, Millo, Minga, Demollari.

POLAND had to struggle to overcome the awkward, well-drilled Albanians. Despite the midfield inspiration of Wojciech Rudy the hosts made few openings unil Krzystof Warzycha shot home after skipper Jan Urban laid off a cross from substitute Jacek Ziober. It was Warzycha's first goal in his 12th international, which underlines the reliance Poland have placed on Dariusz Dziekanowski — dropped by coach Wojciech Lazarek as punishment for turning up late for a training camp during the summer. Albania keeper Halim Mersini was forced to only two difficult saves — parrying a drive from Rudy on the hour and then grabbing a header, also from Rudy, four minutes later. Albania made one chance, in a 48th-minute breakaway, but Suleyman Demollari shot wide with only goalkeeper Wandzik to beat.

Hampden — WC Euro gp 5
Scotland 1 (Johnston 17)
Yugoslavia 1 (Katanec 36)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 42,771. **Ref:** Tritschler (WG)

Scotland: Goram — Gough, Malpas, Nicol, McLeish, Miller, McStay, Aitken (Speedie 70), Johnston, McClair, Bett (McCoist 55).

Yugoslavia: Ivkovic — Stanojkovic, Spasic (Sabanadzovic 83), Jozic, Hedzibegic, Radanovic, Stojkovic, Katanec, Cvetkovic (M.Jankovic 89), Bazdarevic, Zlatko Vujovic.

SCOTLAND boss Andy Roxburgh said: "With three points out of four so far we are still going in the right direction. I told everyone before the game that Yugoslavia are favourites to win this group and my opinion has not changed." Scotland went ahead when Mo Johnston shot home from close range after Ivkovic could only block a Malpas shot. Yugoslavia pulled level through Srecko Katanec 19 minutes later. Andy Goram — standing in for back injury victim Jim Leighton — touched a free kick onto a post and away for a corner. When the ball came back from Dragan Stojkovic the speed of the move confused the Scottish defence and Katanec did the rest.

Kiev — WC Euro gp 3
Soviet Union 2 (Mikhailichenko 47, Zavarov 69)
Austria 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 100,000. **Ref:** Larsson (Swe)

Soviet Union: Dasayev — Ivanauskas (Gorlukovich), Khidiatulin, Zigmantovich. Demianenko — Aleinikov, Litovchenko, Zavarov, Rats — Mikhailichenko, Protasov (Yuri Savichev 83).

Austria: Lindenberger — Russ, Degeorgi, Pfeffer, H.Weber, Zsak, Keglevits, Artner, Polster, Hormann (Herzog 63), Willfurth.

ANY world selection at the moment would find it hard to be without Alexander Zavarov. The £3million midfielder is not only settling in quickly and effectively at Juventus but was the decisive figure in this qualifier. Austria set Manfred Zsak on him, but Zavarov left Zsak standing with his pace and intuition. He almost scored the Soviet's first goal — putting the ball in the net just before half-time only to be ruled offside. Two minutes into the second half Olympic gold medal star Alexei Mikhailkichenko did head the Soviets ahead. Then Protasov and Litovchenko combined to work a second goal for Zavarov.

Swansea — WC Euro gp 4
Wales 2 (Saunders pen, Lahtinen og)
Finland 2 (Ukkonen, Patelainen)
HT: 2-2. **Att:** 9,603. **Ref:** Haraldsson (Ice)

Wales: Southall — Hall (Bowen 59), Blackmore, Nicholas, Van Den Hauwe. Ratcliffe, Pascore, Saunders, Rush. Hughes, Horne.

Finland: Huttunen — Pekonen, Lahtinen, Europaeus, Kanerva, Myyry (Lipponen 86), Holmgren, Ukkonen, Petaja (Rantanen 61), Patelainen, Hjelm.

THIS match may have been short on quality but it was long in terms of action and drama. Only eight minutes had gone when Finland seized a shock lead. Neville Southall, who had performed so defiantly in Holland, was beaten by swerving free kick from Kari Ukkonen after Hall fouled Hjelm. Eight more minute and Wales were level. Pat Van Den Hauwe forged a path into the Finnish area and was tripped and Dean Saunders converted the penalty. Wales appeared to be safely in command in the 40th minute when Aki Lahtinen turned a Saunders cross into his own net. But Finland hit back seconds before the interval. This time Van Den Hauwe was the culprit, mistiming a backpass and allowing Miku Patelainen to equalise easily. The pace slowed in a second half which ended disastrously for Wales as Saunders — who had been tripped by Kanerva — saw Huttunen save his weak penalty.

Munich — WC Euro gp 4
West Germany 0
Holland 0
Att: 73,000. **Ref:** D'Elia (It)

W.Germany: Illgner — Fach, Kohler, Buchwald — Berthold, Hassler, Matthaus, Thon, Brehme — Klinsmann (Mill 67), Voller.

Holland: Van Breukelen — Van Tiggelen, R.Koeman, Rijkaard — Vanenburg, Van Aerle (Winter 20), Wouters, E.Koeman, Silooy — Van Basten, Bosman.

THE big revenge match was a disappointment as Holland — without European championship-winning leaders Michels and Gullit, for various reasons — contained West German power. The hosts made most of the running and forced the Dutch into some desperate defending at times. Van Tiggelen was booked for bringing down Klinsmann once and then lucky to escape expulsion after a repeat foul. Rudi Voller made the Germans' best early chance with a cross which Klinsmann ducked beneath only to see Holger Fach shooting weakly straight at Van Breukelen. At the other end Koeman volleyed wildly over the top when he had time to have controlled the ball. In a bruising second half — there were yellow cards also for Silooy, Rijkaard and Matthaus — West Germany came closest to a goal when Olaf Thon shot against the bar, on the turn. Marco Van Basten wasted an opening for Holland — volleying way off target from around the position he scored his 'Goal of Goals' in the European championship final. West German manager Franz Beckenbauer said: "We dominated for long periods and we had more chances but I think we can be happy with the result." New Holland boss Thys Libregts said: "We made mistakes in the first half by giving the Germans too much room but I was pleased with the way we corrected that later. "We were not as good as we were in the European championships though — and not only because Gullit was out injured."

Pescara — intl friendly
Italy 2 (Giannini 18pen, Ferri 29)
Norway 1 (Brandhaug 41 pen)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 10,800. **Ref:** Germanakos (Gr)

Italy: Zenga — Bergomi (Ferrara 46), Maldini, F.Baresi, Ferri, Berti, Donadoni (De Agostini 35), De Napoli, Vialli, Giannini, Mancini (Rizzitelli 77).

Norway: Thorstvedt — Loken, Herlovsen, Kojedal, Bratseth, Halle, Brandhaug, Osvold, Gulbrandsen, Soerloth (J.I.Jakobsen 60), Agdestein (Rekdal 79).

NORWAY included chess grand master Simen Agdestein but it was the Italian experts at football-chess who won the day. Italy went ahead in only the 18th minute after Nicola Berti — who had missed the European championship finals because of injury — was brought down on his debut by Bratseth; Giannini converted the penalty. Riccardo Ferri increased Italy's lead with a ferocious drive in the 29th minute. But Norway pulled one back from a Sverre Brandhaug penalty after Gianluca Vialli pushed over Terje Kojedal in an aerial scramble. Norway might have equalised ten minutes from time. But John Ivar Jakobsen, taking advantage of the lack of an offside whistle, ran clear into the Italian goal area only to shoot wide. Italy manager Azeglio Vicini said: "I think the players were thinking more about Sunday's league matches than this one. Also, it was our first game in four months and we lacked cohesion and teamwork. Donadoni's injury didn't help either. I hope we can do better next time."

Dublin — intl friendly
Rep. Ireland 4 (Cascarino 27, 43, Aldridge 44, Sheedy 87)
Tunisia 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Snoddy (NI)

Rep.Ireland: Peyton — Morris (Scully 46), McCarthy, Anderson, Staunton, Houghton (D.Kelly 46), O'Brien, Sheedy, M.Kelly, Cascarino (De Mange 76), Aldridge (Quinn 76).

Tunisia: Chouchane — Ouachi, Bousina, Ali Mahjoubi, Banyahia, Taoufik, Nabil, Baoueb, Misouri, Rannane, Yahmadi.

LIVERPOOL'S John Aldridge at last ended his international goal famine, shooting home a Ray Houghton pass from close range in his 20th game for the Republic. By that time a comfortable victory was already secure thanks to two goals from Millwall's Tony Cascarino — one created by the little-known new cap from Liverpool, Stephen Staunton.

OTHER MATCHES

Aug 31: Finland U21 0, W.Germany U21 3 — W.Germany Oly.XI 2, Nigeria 1 — Hungary U21 3, E.Germany U21 0 — Bulgaria U21 3, Austria U21 2.

Sep 13: Norway U21 1, Scotland U21 1.

Sep 14: Luxembourg 0, Standard Liege 3.

Sep 15: Borussia Dortmund 1, Czechoslovakia 3.

Sep 20: Rumania U21 3, Albania U21 0.

Sep 21: Hungary U21 2, Bulgaria U21 0.

Sep 24: Malta 1, Roma 2.

Sep 29: Austria U21 1, Czechoslovakia U21 1.

SOUTH AMERICAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Group 1 — August 23

Colo Colo (Chile) 2 (Soto, Pizarro)
Union Dep.Tachira (Venezuela) 0
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Alberto Tejada (Peru).

Colo Colo: Moron, Garrido, Rojas, Gonzalez (Alarcon), Hormazabal, Ormeno, Pizarro, Soto, Jauregui, E.Dabrowski, R.Dabrowski.

Tachira: Francovic, Pacheco, Cuesta, Genovese, Arroyo, Nieto, Jaimes, Maldonado, Mendez (Bachini, Pajurek, Gonzalez (Becerra).

TACHIRA, although already out of contention, were on top for the first 35 minutes in a porr match in which their attack was well held by the Chilean defence. Colo Colo, taking the lead just before half-time, were the better team in the second half when they missed several chances before Pizarro, their best player, made it safe with a goal eight minutes from the end. A wrong off-side ruling had robbed Tachira of an equaliser earlier however.

August 26

Universidad Catolica (Chile) 3 (Espinoza, Olmos, Lepe)
Union Dep. Tachira (Venezuela) 1 (Pajurek)
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Jose Ramirez (Peru).
Att: 2,000.

Univ. Catolica: Cornez, Espinoza, Vilchez, Monardes, Martinez, Lepe, Mardones, Perez (Tudor), Olmos (Olivares), Hurtado, Tupper.

Un. Tachira: Francovic, Campos, Cuesta, Genovese, Pacheco, Nieto, Jaimes, Maldonado, Bachini (Becerra), Pajuek, Gonzalez (Mendez).

WITH Universidad trying to end their first round campaign undefeated and Tachira trying to end their programme with their first victory. Both teams went for goals in an entertaining match with the only matter to be settled being whether Universidad would qualify in first or second place for the second round together with their compatriots, Colo Colo. In a match without close marking, Universidad had the better midfield to stop their opponents, but they only made the match safe with a last-minute goal for Lepe.

Group 1 — final standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
U.Catolica (Chile)	6	4	2	0	9	2	10
Colo Colo (Chile)	6	4	1	1	7	3	9
Maritimo (Venez)	6	0	3	3	2	5	3
Tachira (Venez)	6	0	2	4	2	8	2

Leading Group 1 scorers: 3 — Pizarro (Colo Colo); 2 — Marquez (Maritimo), Olmos and Espinoza (Univ.Cat).

Group 4 — August 23

Cerro Porteno (Paraguay) 3 (Britez 3)
Bolivar (Bolivia) 2 (Hirano, Soria)
HT: 1-1. **Ref:** Gaston Castro (Chile).
Att: 25,000

Cerro Porteno: Navarro, Suca, Zabala (Cristaldo), Rivarola, Jacquet, Garay, Riveros, Garcia (Mendes), Tarciso, Britez, Perez.

Bolivar: Luduena, Ibanez, Perrufino, Angeletti, Arias, Borja, Takec (Ramallo), Lopez, Soria, Hirano, Urruti.

CERRO PORTENO, needing victory by three clear goals for a qualifying place in their last match, attacked furiously from the start, but Bolivar, calmer and with better team work, held them well to retain their chance of a qualifying place in spite of losing by the odd goal as they still retained a better goals record.

August 26

Olimpia (Paraguay) 4 (Villalba, Robson, Amarilla 2)
Bolivar (Bolivia) 2 (Lopez, Salinas)
HT: 2-0. **Ref:** Hernan Silva (Chile).

Olimpia: Almeida, Mino, Benitez, Fernandez, Portela, Chilavert, Guasch, Robson, Villalba, Amarilla, Mendoza.

Bolivar: Luduena, Ibanez, Angeletti, Ferrufino, Arias, Borja, Lopez, Soria, Takeo, Hirano, Urruti.

OLIMPIA, already eliminated, fought hard to get their compatriots, Cerro Porteno into the next round although there is no love lost between them in domestic soccer. It was a hopeless task however. Olimpia would have needed to beat Bolivar by six clear goals to put Cerro into second place on goal difference. Bottom Olimpia put up their best performance of the tournament, but the 4-2 victory was not enough

Group 4 — final standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oriente Pet (Bol)	6	3	1	2	8	8	7
Bolivar (Bol)	6	3	0	3	12	10	6
Cerro Port (Par)	6	2	2	2	6	7	6
Olimpia (Par)	6	2	1	3	6	7	5

Group 5 — August 23

Sport Recife (Brazil) 0
Universitario (Peru) 0
Ref: Jose Martinez Bazan (Uruguay)

Sp.Recife: Marcio, Betao, Vagner, Marco Antonio, Joao Pedro, Dinho (Joao Carlos), Ribamar, Zico (Neco), Robertinho, Nando, Edson.

Universitario: Chavez, Rojas, Requena, Del Solar, Trecs, Reyna, Carranza, Chirinos (Martinez), Suarez, Rey Munoz (Bricelo), Torrealba.

UNIVERSITARIO needed a draw to qualify for the second round and played defensively all the way with only two men in attack while Sport Recife, who needed victory to get to the second round, attacked without organization and also missed chances due to over eagerness while their most dangerous player, Ribamar, was heavily marked and could do little.

August 26

Guarani (Brazil) 1 (Trece og.)
Universitario (Peru) 1 (Muhoz)
HT: 1-1. **Ref:** Juan Cardelino (Uruguay)

Guarani: Nere, Marquinhos, Vagner, Marcao, Alberis, Paulo Isidoro. Barbieri (Tozin), Pedrinho Maradona, Boiadec, Toni, Carioca.

Universitario: Chavez, Rojas, Del Solar, Requena, Trece, Reyna (Iannes), Carranza, Suarez, Rya Muhoz (Gonzalez), Briceno, Torrealba.

BOTH teams, which had already qualified for the second round, continued as joint leaders with this draw, but Guarani took first place as they had won more matches in the group. Universitario, with good midfield play, had the upper hand in the first half — Trece put through his own goal to give Guarani a four-minute lead, but Universitario immediately equalized — but in the second half play and the the Peruvian team deteriorated and Guarani often came close with Universitario goalkeeper chavez standing out.

Group 5 Final Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Guarani (Brazil)	6	3	2	1	9	5	8
Univer (Peru)	6	2	4	–	5	2	8
S Recife (Brazil)	6	2	1	3	7	6	5
Alian Lima (Peru)	6	1	1	4	2	10	3

Second Round — 1st Legs

September 7

Universidad Catolica (Chile) 1 (Espinoza pen.)
Nacional (Uruquay) 1 (Revelez
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 7.500

Univ.Catolica: Cornez, Espinoza, Yoma, Abarca, Vilches, Mardones, Lepe, Olmos, Hurtado, Tudor, Tupper (Romero).

Nacional: Sere, Pintos-Saldanha, Revelez, Las arte, Soca, Lemos (Vargas), Ostolaza, Cardaccio, Moran, Castro, De Lima.

UNIVERSIDAD had the better of the

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exchanges against Nacional's often rough play which was not penalized. Universidad opened the score just before half-time and also had a goal — scored with a good scissor kick — annulled for what the referee considered dangerous play. In the second half Nacional tried to attack more and were lucky to get a point in the last minute.

San Lorenzo (Argentina) 1 (Ortega Sanchez)
Guarani (Brazil) 1 (Toni)
HT: 1-1. **Ref:** Gabriel Gonzalez (Paraguay).

San Lorenzo: Pogany, Malvarez, Marchi, Larraq uy, Riquelme, Rifourcat (Ah-med), Coloccini, Ortega Sanchez, Madelon (Gorosito), Acosta, Ferreyra.

Guarani: Neri, Marquinhos, Junior, Wagner, Al beris, Tosin, Pedrinho (Mauro), Marco Antonio, Toni, Careca, Mario.

SAN LORENZO started off as the better team, but their defence also showed weaknesses which Guarani did not make use of. San Lorenzo were losing control as they scored after 35 minutes against the run of the play. Guarani deservedly equalized just before half-time and controlled play in the second half with San Lorenzo being somewhat lucky to salvage a home point.

Bolivar (Bolivia) 1 (Borja)
Newell's Old Boys (Argentina) 0
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Armando Perez (Colombia). **Att:** 50.000

Bolivar: Ludueha, Ibahez, Angeletti, Arias, Cuevas, Borja, Lopez, Soria, Urruti, Salinas, Hirano.

Newell's Old Boys: Scoponi, Fullana, Theiler, Pautasso, Sensini, Llop, Franco, Alfaro, Martino, Ramos, Almiton.

BOLIVAR surprised Newell's with a goal virtually from the kick- off and the Argentine team took some time to get over this. Then it was a tough struggle for midfield control, but Newell's appeared to tire in the second half — perhaps because of the 3.600m altitude of La Paz — and fell back to defend intelligently to stop Bolivar from scoring more goals.

America (Colombia) 1 (De Avila)
Universitario (Peru) 0
Ht: 0-0.

THE match was even until Universitario midfielder Carranza was sent off. Then his team defended more and America scored their goal four minutes from the end. Ast the match ended shooting started as terrorists, apparently stationed in various parts of the ground, attempted to assasinate Cali mayor, Carlos Trujillo who had been watching the game. The players threw themselves on the ground and there was panic among spectators.

Oriente Petrolero (Bolivia) 2 Colo Colo (Chile) 1

Second round 2nd leqs September 14

Colo Colo (Chile) 0
Oriente Petrolero (Bolivia) 0
Ref: Francisco Lamolina (Argentina).
Att: 15,500.

Oriente Petrolero won 2-1 on aggregate

Colo Colo: Moron, Vargas, Gonzalez, Garrido, Hormazabal, Ormeno, Pizarro, Soto (Montenegro), Rodriguez, Gutierrez, Dabrowsky (Julio).

Oriente Petrolero: Trucco, Monasterio, Brunetto, Alva, Saldias, Rocca, Medrano, Romero, Alves, Antelo (Mercado), Garcia (Da Silva).

ORIENTE Petrolero played more defensively and marked closely, but Colo Colo, in spite of attacking most of the way, lacked surprise and creativity in attack and did not trouble the Bolivian team's goalkeeper too much.

Newell's Old Boys (Argentina) 1 (3p) (Ramos — pen: Fraco, Theiler, Gabrich)
Bolivar (Bolivia) 0 (2p) (pen: Lopez, Angeletti)
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Sergio Vasquez (Chile). **Att:** 20.000.

Aggregate score 1-1 — Newell's won 3-2 on penalties

Newell's: Scoponi, Sensini, Theiler, Llop, fullana, Franco, Martino (Gabrich), Rossi, Alfaro, Ramos, Almiron.

Bolivar: Ludueha, Ibahez, Angeletti, Arias, Cueva (Taqueo), Borjax, Soria, Salinas, Lopez, Urruti, Hirano.

NEWELL'S attacked more to get their goal, which made the aggregate score 1-1, shortly before half-time, but Bolivar created more danger with their counter-attachks, so much so that goalkeeper Scoponi became NOB's hero with some outstanding saves, specially towards the end. But Bolivar almost won before the penalty shootout when a hard shot from Salinas hit the crossbar with Scoponi beaten. A draw in this match would have been a fairer result.

Universitario (Peru) 2 (Briceho, Requeha)
America (Colombia) 2 (Gareca 2)
HT: 1-2. **Ref:** Carlos Esposito.

America won 3-2 on aggregate.

Universitario: Chavez Riva, Rojas, Requha, Del Solar, Trece, Reyna, Chirinos (Eugenio), Suarez, Rey Muhoz, Briceho (Gonzalez), Torrealva.

America: Falcioni, Valencia, Aponte, Espinoza, Santin, Bataglia, Luna, Ortiz (Guerrero), Gareca, De Avila, Bataglia (Muturana).

IN a hectic match both teams went all out for goals from the start, more so Universitario who had to win and they took a six- minute lead. Then America gained midfield control enabling their Argentine international striker Gareca to score twice. Universitario equalized early in the second half when America were still ontoop, but then the Colombian team defended more to retain their aggregate lead.

Guarani (Brazil) 0
San Lorenzo (Argentina) 1 (Acosta)
HT: 0-1. **Ref:** Jose Martinez Bazan (Paraquay). **Att:** 3.000.

San Lorenzo won 2-1 on aggregate.

Guarani: Neri, Marqunhos (Elcio), Vagner, Junior, Alberis, Tossin, Boiadeiro, Pedrinho, Toni, Mario, Careca.

San Lorenzo: Pogany, Malvarez, Madelon, Marchi, Riquelme, Giunta, Coloccini, Ortega Sanchez, Rifoucart, Ferreyra, Acosta.

SAN Lorenzo deserved victory because they went out for goals from the start without speculating on an eventual penalty decision. When Guarani fought back in search of an equalizer San Lorengo goalkeeper Pogany stood out with some excellent saves.

Nacional (Uruguay) 0
Universidad Catolica (Chile) 0
Ref: Jose Wright (Brazil). **Att:** 25.000.

Aggregate score 1-1 — Nacional won on away goals (counting double)

Nacional: Sere, Lasarte, Revelez, Pintos Saldanha, Ostolaza, Soca, Vargas, Cardaccio, De Lima, Lemos, Castro.

Universidad Catolica: Cornez, Espinoza, Yoma, Abarca, Martinez, Vilches, Mardones, Olmos (Olivares), Perez (Tupper), Hurtado, Tudor.

NACIONAL attacked all the way, more in the first half, and created plenty of chances against a packed defence. Universidad, seeming to remember after the interval that a 0-0 draw would eliminate them, tried to come out of their shell, but never bothered Nacional goalkeeper Sere unduly.

Concacaf Club Champions Trophy

Central American Semi-final group (in Honduara)

August 24

Alajuelense (Costa Rica) 1 (Arroyo pen.)
Aurora (Guatemala) 1 (Sandoval)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 25.000.

ALAJUELENSE dominated the first half and scored after seven minutes, but after the interval they had to withstand intense pressure from Aurora who managed to equalize six minutes fromt he end. The result put Alajuelense into the final group of the tournament.

Olimpia (Honduras) 2
Maraton (Honduras) 1

Inter-American Super Cup In Los Angeles, USA.

Racing Club Avellaneda (Argentina) 0 (3) (Medina Bello, Paz, Decoud)
Sport Herediano (Costa Rica) 0 (0)
Ref: Romualdo Arpi Filho (Brazil).

Racing: Fillol (Balerio) Vasquez, G.Costas, Zacanti, Olaran, Acuha, Olarticoechea (L.Costas), Videla (Decoud), Fernandez (Lamadrid), Paz, Medina Bello.

Herediano: Rojas, Saborio, Chevez, Marin, Edwards, Carmona (Rodriguez), Casas, Mendez (Gutierrez), Camacho, Jara (Wanchape), Chavarria.

HEREDIANO looked the better team early on, but gradually racing evened up play. Neither team created much danger in the first half, but Racing took the upper hand after the interval and Herediano had to defend more and more. Extra time saw Racing with much better stamina and they continued to be well on top to score their three goals, the first after only a minute.

Major Club Internationals

Aug.25 — Toluca (Mexico) O Gremio Porto Alegre (Brazil) 0; Aug.26 — Saprissa (Costa Rica) 0 ARgentinos Juniors (Argentina)1; Aug.28 — Atlante (Mexico)0 Gremio Porto Alegre (Brazil)0; Aug.30 — Cruz Azul (Mexico) 2 Gremio Porto Aloegre (Brazil) 1; Septe.4 — Universidad Catolica (Chile) 0 River Plate (Argentina) 1.

Other International

Aug.28 — Panama select 1 Argentinos Junors (Argentina) 2; Sept.15 — Venezuala select. 1 Buoarmanga (Colombia) 0.

URUGUAY

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Danubio	13	12	0	1	30	7	24
Peñarol	13	8	3	2	31	15	19
Defensor	13	6	4	3	13	10	16
Nacional	12	6	3	3	17	9	15
Wanderers	12	4	6	2	12	12	14
Huracán Buceo	13	5	3	5	10	13	13
Central Español	13	3	5	5	10	16	11
Liverpool	13	4	3	6	6	10	11
Cerro	13	5	0	8	10	16	10
Bella Vista	13	3	4	6	8	15	10
River Plate	13	1	6	6	12	17	8
Miramar Misiones	13	3	2	8	9	20	8
Progreso	10	2	1	7	8	16	5

COLOMBIA

"Finalización" Championship

(1) Nacional Medellin 28 points; (2) Independiente Santa Fe 27; (3) Atletico Junior Barranquilla 26; (4) Quindio 25; (5) Millionario Bogotá 23; (6) America 21; (7) Independiente Medellín, Perreira 20; (9) Cucuta, Sporting Barranquilla 17; (11) Tolima, Deportivo Cali 16; (13) Bucaramanga 15; (14) Caldas 12; (15) Union Magdalena 10.

Overall standings (top eight qualify for final round): (1) Nacional 47; (2) Millionarios 40; (3) Independiente Santa Fe 39; (4) America 38; (5) Quindio 36; (6) Atletico Junior 35; (7) Cucuta, Perreira 31; (9) Tolima, Independients Medellin 30; (11) Sporting 29; (12) Deportivo Cali 28; (13) Bucaramanga 24; (14) Un. Magdalena, Caldas 17.

CHILE

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dep. Concepcion	11	7	3	1	14	4	17
Cobreloa	11	6	3	2	18	9	15
Dep. La Serena	11	4	7	0	17	11	15
Huachipato	11	5	5	1	18	9	15
Naval	11	5	3	3	14	12	13
Cobresal	11	5	3	3	15	13	13
Fernandez Vial	11	4	4	3	14	14	12
Deportes Iquique	11	2	6	3	17	16	10
Union Española	11	3	4	4	12	15	10
Everton	11	3	3	5	10	17	9
Dep. Valdivia	11	2	5	4	14	17	9
Palestino	11	2	5	4	14	19	9
Univ. de Chile	11	1	6	4	7	10	8
Univ. Catolica	11	3	2	6	10	13	8
O'Higgins	11	3	1	7	11	19	7
Colo Colo	11	1	4	6	10	18	6

ECUADOR

First Division

(1) Liga Universitaria Quito 45 points; (2) Emelec 30; (3) Macara 37; (4) Barcelona, Filinbanco 34; (6) Universidad Catolica, Deportivo Quito, Aucas 33; (9) Nacional 32; (10) Tecnico Universitario 31; (11) Deportivo Cuenca 30; (12) Audaz Octubrino 29; (13) Esmeraldas Petrolero 28; (14) River Plate 26; (15) Deportivo Quevedo 25; (16) Juventus 24; (17) Liga Portoviejo 22; (18) America 20. (After three more games top eight qualify for final round).

PARAGUAY

First Division (3rd round)

After 3 games — (1) Olimpia 6 points; (2) Sportivo Luqueño 5; (3) Porteño 4; (4) General Caballero, Sol de America, Sport Colombia, Colegiales, River Plate 3; (9) San Lorenzo, Libertad 2; (11) Guarani, Nacional 1.

PERU

Decentralised Champinship

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alianza Sullana	5	4	1	0	8	2	9
Melgar	5	2	2	1	9	4	6
Deportivo Junin	4	3	0	1	5	2	6
Sporting Cristal	4	2	2	0	5	3	6
Universitario	3	2	1	0	8	0	5
Un. Tec. Cajamarca	5	2	0	3	3	5	4
Colegio San Agustin	5	1	2	2	6	8	4
Dep. Municipal	5	2	0	3	8	13	4
Cienciano	5	1	1	3	4	5	3
Minas San Vicente	5	0	3	2	3	12	3
Union Huaral	4	0	2	2	3	5	2
Octavio Espinoza	4	0	2	2	2	4	2

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BOLIVIA

Professional League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolivar	7	4	3	0	19	3	11
Oriente Petrolero	7	4	2	1	12	7	10
Litoral	7	3	2	2	12	9	8
Blooming	8	2	4	2	9	8	8
Ciclon	8	4	0	4	13	17	8
The Stongest	6	3	1	2	13	11	7
Real Santa Cruz	8	3	1	4	11	18	7
San José	7	2	2	3	11	10	6
Wilsterman	7	2	2	3	7	8	6
Destroyers	7	1	4	2	9	11	6
Always Ready	7	2	2	3	8	12	6
Universitario	7	3	0	4	9	13	6
Aurora	8	1	3	4	5	11	5

BRAZIL

National Championship

Group 1: (1) Palmeiras, Sao Paulo 9 points; (3) Sport, Portuguesa, Atletico Minas Gerais 8; (6) Internacional, Fluminense 7; (8) Flamengo 6; (9) Vitoria 5; (10) Bangu 4; (11) Atletico Paranense 3; (12) Goias 0.

Group 2: (1) Vasco da Gama 12; (2) Guarani, Bahia 8; (4) Gremio, Santos 7; (6) Corinthians, Coritiba 5; (8) Cruzeiro 4; (9) Santa Cruz 3; (10) Botafogo 2; (11) Criciuma, America 1.

GUATEMALA

Professional League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Municipal	25	14	7	4	39	18	35
Suchitepequez	26	11	9	6	31	25	31
Bandegua	25	7	15	3	29	23	29
Galcasa	26	8	13	5	33	26	29
Comunicaciones	26	8	12	6	36	22	28
Juventud Retalteca	26	9	8	9	33	31	26
Aurora	24	6	12	6	31	24	24
Chiquimulilla	25	7	9	9	31	42	23
Izabal	25	6	10	9	19	24	22
Xelaju	26	5	12	9	22	28	22
Coban	26	4	11	11	22	37	19
Jalapa	26	3	12	11	16	31	18

COSTA RICA

First Division

After 4 games: (1) Puntarenas; (2) Uruguay de Coronado.

HONDURAS

First Division

Group A: (1) Maraton, Olimpia 23 points; (3) Victoria 21; (4) Curacao 17; (5) Platense 16.

Group B: (1) España 28; (2) Motagua, Vida 24; (4) Sula 23; (5) Universidad 17.

NEW ZEALAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mount Wellington	21	17	2	2	58	14	53
Christchurch United	21	16	3	2	50	12	51
Mount Maunganui	21	12	5	4	42	28	41
Miramar Rangers	21	9	4	8	42	37	31
North Shore	21	10	1	10	38	38	31
Wellington United	21	9	3	9	48	41	30
Napier City	21	9	2	10	38	41	29
Gisborne City	21	8	4	9	39	35	28
Waikato United	21	8	4	9	29	26	28
Hutt Valley United	21	7	5	9	21	29	26
Papatoetoe	21	7	3	11	23	36	24
Manurewa	21	5	3	13	25	59	18
Manawatu	21	4	3	14	27	29	15
Nelson	21	3	4	14	21	46	13

AUSTRALIA

Final

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Woolongong	26	13	8	5	44	32	34
Sydney Croatia	26	15	4	7	38	30	34
South Melbourne	26	13	8	5	36	29	34
Marconi	26	12	8	6	46	26	32
Sydney Olympic	26	9	9	8	28	22	27
Adelaide City	26	10	7	9	36	35	27
Sunshine George	26	11	5	10	38	39	27
Saint George	26	10	6	10	41	35	26
Melbourne Croatia	26	9	6	11	28	33	24
Footscray	26	7	9	10	34	32	23
Leichhardt	26	8	7	11	28	35	23
Preston	26	5	12	9	29	35	22
Brunswick	26	7	5	14	31	43	19
Brisbane Lions	26	4	4	18	28	59	12

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Marconi 5-4 on penalties.

RUMANIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Din. Bucharest	9	9	0	0	38	10	18
St. Bucharest	9	9	0	0	27	12	18
Vic Bucharest	9	6	1	2	24	14	13
Inter Sibiu	9	5	1	3	14	15	11
Flacara Moreni	9	3	3	3	13	10	9
Sp. Stedentesc	9	4	1	4	15	13	9
Univ. Craiova	9	4	1	4	17	18	9
FC Olt	9	2	5	2	7	8	9
Corvinul H	9	4	1	4	12	14	9
Rapid Bucharest	9	4	1	4	10	19	9
FC Bihor	9	3	2	4	10	7	8
Clij Napoca	9	3	2	4	9	14	8
FCM Brasov	9	3	1	5	12	14	7
FC Arges	9	3	0	6	11	11	6
FC Constantza	9	2	2	5	8	10	6
SC Bacau	9	2	1	6	14	22	5
Otelul Galati	9	2	1	6	6	20	5
Tirgu Mures	9	1	1	7	4	20	3

MOROCCO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FAR	2	2	0	0	4	0	6
CLAS Cas	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
Khouribga	2	1	1	0	2	0	5
KACM Mar	2	1	1	0	2	1	5
MAS Fès	2	1	1	0	2	1	5
WAC Cas	2	1	1	0	1	0	5
Hilal Nador	2	1	0	1	1	4	4
Sidi Kacem	2	1	0	1	5	2	4
FA Bens	2	1	0	1	3	2	4
Tanger	2	0	1	1	2	3	3
Kac Kenitra	2	0	1	1	1	2	3
Agadir	2	0	1	1	0	1	3
Raja Cas	2	0	1	1	1	3	3
FUS Rabat	2	0	1	1	1	3	3
El Jadida	2	0	1	1	0	3	3
Meknes	2	0	0	2	1	3	2

FRANCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Paris SG	16	10	3	3	23	11	33
Auxerre	16	9	3	4	23	14	30
Marseille	16	8	6	2	26	18	30
Nice	16	8	3	5	21	17	27
Bordeaux	16	7	5	4	26	15	26
Monaco	16	7	5	4	21	14	26
Nantes	16	7	5	4	23	21	26
Cannes	16	7	4	5	20	18	25
Metz	16	7	2	7	19	15	23
Sochaux	16	5	7	4	17	13	22
Montpellier	16	5	7	4	20	18	22
Toulouse	16	5	7	4	16	19	22
Lille	16	6	3	7	17	17	21
Matra Racing	16	5	5	6	22	20	20
Toulon	16	4	7	5	12	13	19
Laval	16	4	4	8	15	23	16
Caen	16	4	4	8	14	26	16
Strasbourg	16	3	3	10	17	25	12
Saint-Etienne	16	2	5	9	11	26	11
Lens	16	1	4	11	15	35	7

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PSV Eindhoven	9	7	1	1	22	9	15
FC Twente Enschede	9	4	5	0	12	5	13
Roda JC Kerkrade	9	4	4	1	14	10	12
Feyenoord	7	4	2	1	17	12	10
FC Groningen	9	4	2	3	22	14	10
Fortuna Sittard	9	4	2	3	14	12	10
Volendam	8	4	1	3	15	11	9
PEC Zwolle	9	4	1	4	16	14	9
Ajax Amsterdam	9	4	1	4	17	16	9
FC Utrecht	9	4	1	4	12	13	9
Haarlem	8	3	2	3	13	14	8
RKC Waalwijk	9	3	2	4	17	15	8
BVV Den Bosch	9	3	2	4	12	19	8
Willen II Tilburg	9	2	3	4	13	16	7
Sparta Rotterdam	9	2	3	4	12	15	7
SC Veendam	9	3	0	6	10	18	6
VVV Venlo	9	0	4	5	5	17	4
MVV Maastricht	9	1	2	6	9	22	4

ITALY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Internazionale	2	2	0	0	7	2	4
Milan	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Sampdoria	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
Juventus	2	1	1	0	5	2	3
Verona	2	1	1	0	4	3	3
Roma	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Napoli	2	1	0	1	1	1	2
Lecce	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Fiorentina	2	1	0	1	2	5	2
Bologna	2	1	0	1	2	1	2
Lazio	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Cesena	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Torino	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Pescara	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Atalanta	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Ascoli	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
Pisa	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
Como	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

PORTUGAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Benfica	9	6	3	0	26	4	15
Sporting	9	5	4	0	14	5	14
Porto	9	5	4	0	10	4	14
Setubal	9	4	4	1	17	12	11
Penafiel	9	4	2	3	12	9	10
Beira-Mar	9	4	2	3	7	7	10
Leixoes	9	4	2	3	9	11	10
Belenenses	9	3	3	3	12	8	9
Boavista	9	3	3	3	9	7	9
Chaves	9	3	2	4	8	8	8
Farense	9	3	2	4	6	9	8
Espinho	9	3	1	5	14	13	7
Martimo	8	2	3	3	10	12	7
Braga	9	2	3	4	6	9	7
Guimaraes	9	2	3	4	6	9	7
Amadora	8	3	3	4	8	12	7
Viseu	9	1	5	3	2	8	7
Portimonense	9	2	2	5	5	10	6
Nacional	8	1	3	4	11	18	5
Fafe	7	1	3	3	3	10	5

SPAIN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barcelona	7	5	2	0	15	2	12
Real Madrid	7	4	3	0	16	7	11
Celta	7	4	2	1	10	6	10
Logrones	7	4	2	1	6	4	10
Sevilla	7	3	3	1	12	8	9
Bilbao	7	4	1	2	8	5	9
Valencia	7	3	3	1	7	4	9
Valladolid	7	4	0	3	8	4	9
Atletico Madrid	7	3	1	3	14	10	7
Real Sociedad	7	3	1	3	7	8	7
Osasuna	7	2	3	2	9	11	7
Murcia	7	3	0	4	8	9	6
Espanol	7	2	2	3	7	10	6
Gijon	7	2	2	3	7	11	6
Malaga	7	1	3	3	6	8	5
Oviedo	7	1	3	3	7	12	5
Zaragoza	7	1	3	3	5	12	5
Elche	7	2	0	5	5	13	4
Betis	7	1	0	6	5	11	2
Cadiz	7	0	2	5	3	10	2

TURKEY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sariyer	8	6	2	0	18	6	20
Fenerbahce	9	5	3	1	18	4	18
Boluspor	9	5	3	1	15	6	18
Galatasaray	8	5	1	2	23	9	16
Ankaragucu	9	5	1	3	12	12	16
Trabzonspor	9	4	3	2	18	8	15
Besiktas	7	4	3	0	13	4	15
Samsunspor	9	2	4	3	6	6	10
Konyaspor	7	3	1	3	5	6	10
Eskisehirspor	8	3	1	4	7	13	10
Malatyaspor	9	2	3	4	10	18	9
A. Demirspor	9	2	2	5	13	19	8
Altay	8	2	2	4	9	16	8
Bursaspor	9	2	2	5	9	16	8
Rizespor	8	2	2	4	4	13	8
K. Marasspor	8	1	4	3	2	7	7
Karsiyaka	7	1	3	3	11	15	6
Adanaspor	8	1	3	4	10	17	6
Sakaryaspor	7	1	1	5	8	16	4

WEST GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stuttgart	8	6	1	1	17	4	13
Bayern Munich	9	4	5	0	18	7	13
Hamburg	10	5	2	3	17	11	12
Bayer Leverkusen	9	3	5	1	17	13	11
Bayer Uerdingen	9	3	5	1	12	10	11
Karlsruher	9	5	1	3	18	18	11
Borussia Mg	10	4	3	3	15	14	11
FC St. Pauli	10	2	6	2	10	10	10
Werder Bremen	8	2	5	1	11	11	9
Borussia Dortmund	9	2	5	2	11	7	9
Kaiserslautern	9	2	5	2	13	13	9
Bochum	9	3	3	3	11	12	9
Koln	9	3	2	4	12	9	8
Waldhof Mannheim	9	1	5	3	9	11	7
Stuttgarter Kickers	9	2	2	5	9	21	6
Nurnberg	10	3	0	7	10	20	6
Eintracht Frankfurt	9	2	1	6	4	14	5
Hannover	9	0	4	5	9	18	4

AUSTRIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FK Austria	15	9	4	2	37	20	22
FC Tirol	15	10	1	4	35	19	21
Admira Wack	15	8	4	3	25	18	20
St. Pölten	15	8	3	4	26	19	19
GAK	15	6	6	3	22	18	18
Wiener Sp	15	7	2	6	31	30	16
Rapid Vienne	15	5	4	6	19	18	14
Vienne	15	3	8	4	23	26	14
Vorwaerts	15	2	7	6	11	19	11
A. Klagenfurt	15	3	4	8	20	35	10
Linz. ASK	15	3	2	10	16	31	8
Sturm Graz	15	1	5

WORLD CUP DATES

EUROPE

GROUP 1

19.10.88 Greece v Denmark 1-1
19.10.88 Bulgaria v Rumania 1-3
2.11.88 Rumania v Greece
2.11.88 Denmark v Bulgaria
26. 4.89 Greece v Rumania
26. 4.89 Bulgaria v Denmark
17. 5.89 Rumania v Bulgaria
17. 5.89 Denmark v Greece
11.10.89 Bulgariav Greece
11.10.89 Denmark v Rumania
15.11.89 Greece v Bulgaria
15.11.89 Rumania v Denmark

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rumania	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Denmark	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Greece	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Bulgaria	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

GROUP 2

19.10.88 England v Sweden 0-0
19.10.88 Poland v Albania 1-0
5.11.88 Albania v Sweden
8. 3.89 Albania v England
26. 4.89 England v Albania
7. 5.89 Sweden v Poland
3. 6.89 England v Poland
6. 9.89 Sweden v England
8.10.89 Sweden v Albania
11.10.89 Poland v England
25.10.89 Poland v Sweden
15.11.89 Albania v Poland

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
England	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sweden	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Albania	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

GROUP 3

31. 8.88 Iceland v Soviet Union 1-1
12.10.88 Turkey v Iceland 1-1
19.10.88 Soviet Union v Austria 2-0
19.10.88 East Germany v Iceland 2-0
2.11.88 Austria v Turkey
30.11.88 Turkey v East Germany
12. 4.89 East Germany v Turkey
26. 4.89 Soviet Union v East Germany
10. 5.89 Turkey v Soviet Union
17. 5.89 East Germany v Austria
31. 5.89 Soviet Union v Iceland
14. 6.89 Iceland v Austria
23. 8.89 Austria v Iceland
6. 9.89 Austria v Soviet Union
6. 9.89 Iceland v East Germany
20. 9.89 Iceland v Turkey
25.10.89 East Germany v Soviet Union
25.10.89 Turkey v Austria
8.11.89 Soviet Union v Turkey
15.11.89 Austria v East Germany

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Soviet Union	2	1	1	0	3	1	3
East Germany	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Iceland	3	0	2	1	2	2	2
Turkey	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Austria	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

GROUP 4

31. 8.88 Finland v West Germany 0-4
14. 9.88 Holland v Wales 1-0
19.10.88 Wales v Finland 2-2
19.10.88 West Germany v Holland 0-0
26. 4.89 Holland v West Germany
31. 5.89 Wales v West Germany
31. 5.89 Finland v Holland
6. 9.89 Finland v Wales
4.10.89 West Germany v Finland
11.10.89 Wales v Holland
15.11.89 West Germany v Wales
15.11.89 Holland v Finland

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Germany	2	1	1	0	4	0	3
Holland	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Wales	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Finland	2	0	1	1	2	6	2

GROUP 5

14. 9.88 Norway v Scotland 1-2
28. 9.88 France v Norway 1-0
19.10.88 Scotland v Yugoslavia 1-1
22.10.88 Cyprus v France 1-1
2.11.88 Cyprus v Norway
19.11.88 Yugoslavia v France
11.12.88 Yugoslavia v Cyprus
8. 2.89 Cyprus v Scotland
8. 3.89 Scotland v France
22. 4.89 Scotland v Cyprus
29. 4.89 France v Yugoslavia
16. 5.89 Norway v Cyprus
14. 6.89 Norway v Yugoslavia
5. 9.89 Norway v France
6. 9.89 Yugoslavia v Scotland
11.10.89 Yugoslavia v Norway
11.10.89 France v Scotland
28.10.89 Cyprus v Yugoslavia
15.11.89 Scotland v Norway
18.11.89 France v Cyprus

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
France	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Yugoslavia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Cyprus	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Norway	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

GROUP 6

21. 5.88 Northern Ireland v Malta 3-0
14. 9.88 Northern Ireland v Rep. Ireland 0-0
19.10.88 Hungary v Northern Ireland 1-0
16.11.88 Spain v Rep. Ireland
11.12.88 Malta v Hungary
21.12.88 Spain v Northern Ireland
22. 1.89 Malta v Spain
8. 2.89 Northern Ireland v Spain
8. 3.89 Hungary v Rep. Ireland
22. 3.89 Spain v Malta
12. 4.89 Hungary v Malta
26. 4.89 Malta v Northern Ireland
26. 4.89 Rep. Ireland v Spain
28. 5.89 Rep. Ireland v Malta
4. 6.89 Rep. Ireland v Hungary
6. 6.89 Northern Ireland v Hungary
11.10.89 Hungary v Spain
11.10.89 Rep. Ireland v Northern Ireland
15.11.89 Spain v Hungary
15.11.89 Malta v Rep. Ireland

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northern Ireland	3	1	1	1	3	1	3
Hungary	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Rep. Ireland	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Malta	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Spain	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

GROUP 7

1. 9.88 Luxembourg v Switzerland 1-4
19.10.88 Luxembourg v Czechoslovakia 0-2
19.10.88 Belgium v Switzerland 1-0
16.11.88 Czechoslovakia v Belgium
16.11.88 Portugal v Luxembourg
15. 2.89 Portugal v Belgium
29.4.89 Portugal v Switzerland
30. 4.89 Belgium v Czechoslovakia
10. 5.89 Czechoslovakia v Luxembourg
7.6.89 Luxembourg v Belgium
7. 6.89 Switzerland v Czechoslovakia
6. 9.89 Belgium v Portugal
20. 9.89 Switzerland v Portugal
6.10.89 Czechoslovakia v Portugal
11.10.89 Luxembourg v Portugal
11.10.89 Switzerland v Belgium
25.10.89 Czechoslovakia v Switzerland
25.10.89 Belgium v Luxembourg
15.11.89 Portugal v Czechoslovakia
15.11.89 Switzerland v Luxembourg

Winners and runners-up from groups 3, 5, 6 and 7 qualify for the finals along with the winners of groups 1, 2 and 4 plus the two runners-up from groups 1, 2, and 4 with the best comparative records.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
Czechoslovakia	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Belgium	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Luxembourg	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
Portugal	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

AFRICA

ROUND 1

Group 1
7. 8.88 Angola v Sudan 0-0
11.11.88 Sudan v Angola
Zimbabwe w/o v Lesotho
Zambia w/o v Rwanda (withdrew)
16. 7.88 Uganda v Malawi 1-0
30. 7.88 Malawi v Uganda 3-1
Malawi 3-2 on agg
3. 6.89 Libya v Burkino Faso 3-0
3. 7.89 Burkino Faso v Libya 2-0
Libya 3-2 on agg
7. 8.88 Ghana v Liberia 0-0
21. 8.88 Liberia v Ghana 2-0
Liberia 2-0 on agg
5. 8.88 Tunisia v Guinea 5-0
21. 8.88 Guinea v Tunisia 3-0
Tunisia 5-3 on agg
Gabon w/o v Togo

ROUND 2

Group 1: Algeria, Ivory Coast, Zimbabwe, Libya.
Group 2: Egypt, Kenya, Malawi, Liberia.
Group 3: Cameroon, Nigeria, Angola or Sudan, Gabon.
Group 4: Morocco, Zaire, Zambia, Tunisia.

ROUND 3

Winners Gp 1 v Winners Gp 2; Winners Gp 3 v Winners Gp 4. Aggregate winning teams qualify for the finals.

ASIA

WEST ASIA
Group 1: Jordan, Iraq, Oman, Qatar.
6. 1.89 Qatar v Jordan
6. 1.89 Oman v Iraq
13. 1.89 Oman v Qatar
13. 1.89 Jordan v Iraq
20. 1.89 Jordan v Oman
20. 1.89 Qatar v Iraq
27. 1.89 Jordan v Qatar
27. 1.89 Iraq v Oman
3. 2.89 Qatar v Oman
3. 2.89 Iraq v Jordan
10. 2.89 Oman v Jordan
10. 2.89 Iraq v Qatar

Group 2: S.Arabia, Bahrain, Syria, AR Yemen.

Group 3: UAE, Kuwait, Pakistan (RP 'South' Yemen withdrew).

EAST ASIA
Group 4: S.Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Nepal (India withdrew so Nepal were switched from Group 5 to square the numbers).

Group 5
20. 2.89 Thailand v Bangladesh
23. 1.89 Thailand v Iran
26. 2.89 Bangladesh v Iran
28. 2.89 Thailand v China
4. 3.89 Bangladesh v China
5. 3.89 Iran v Thailand
8. 3.89 Bangladesh v Thailand
10. 3.89 Iran v Bangladesh
28. 5.89 China v Bangladesh
11. 6.89 China v Iran
21. 6.89 Iran v China
28. 6.89 China v Thailand

Group 6
21. 5.89 Indonesia v N.Korea
21. 5.89 Hong Kong v Japan
27. 5.89 Hong Kong v N.Korea
28. 5.89 Indonesia v Japan
4. 6.89 Hong Kong v Indonesia
4. 6.89 Japan v N.Korea
11. 6.89 N.Korea v Hong Kong
11. 6.89 Japan v Indonesia

18. 6.89 N.Korea v Indonesia
18. 6.89 Japan v Hong Kong
25. 6.89 Indonesia v Hong Kong
25. 6.89 N.Korea v Japan

Winners of all groups play off in a league system with top two teams qualifying for the finals.

NORTH/CENTRAL AMERICA

Round 1
19. 6.88 Antigua v Neth. Antilles 0-1
29. 7.88 Neth. Antilles v Antigua 3-1
Neth. Antilles 4-1 on agg
12. 5.88 Jamaica v Puerto Rico 1-0
29. 5.88 Puerto Rico v Jamaica 1-2
Jamaica 3-1 on agg
17. 4.88 Guyana v Trinidad/Tobago 0-4
8. 5.88 Trinidad/Tobago v Guyana 1-0
Trinidad/Tobago 5-0 on agg
17. 7.88 Costa Rica v Panama 1-1
31. 7.88 Panama v Costa Rica 0-2
Costa Rica 3-1 on agg
30. 4.88 Cuba v Guatemala 0-1
15. 5.88 Guatemala v Cuba 1-1
Guatemala 2-1 on agg

Round Two
1.10.88 Neth. Antilles v El Salvador 0-1
16.10.88 El Salvador v Neth. Antilles 5-0
El Salvador 6-0 on agg
30.10.88 Trinidad/Tobago v Honduras
13.11.88 Honduras v Trinidad/Tobago
24. 7.88 Jamaica v United States 0-0
31. 7.88 United States v Jamaica 5-1
United States 5-1 on agg
9.10.88 Guatemala v Canada 1-0
15.10.88 Canada v Guatemala 3-2
Guatemala on away goals: 3-3 agg
Costa Rica w/o v Mexico

Round three
Play-off group (top two qualify for finals): El Salvador or Neth. Antilles, Trinidad/Tobago or Honduras, United States, Guatemala or Canada, Costa Rica.

OCEANIA

Round 1
11.12.88 Taiwan v New Zealand
18.12.88 New Zealand v Taiwan
26.11.88 Fiji v Australia
3.12.88 Australia v Fiji

Round two
5. 3.89 Israel v Taiwan/New Zealand
12. 3.89 Fiji/Australia v Taiwan/New Zealand
19. 3.89 Israel v Fiji/Australia
2. 4.89 Taiwan/New Zealand v Fiji/Australia
9. 4.89 Taiwan/New Zealand v Israel
16. 4.89 Fiji/Australia v Israel

Winning team plays winners of S. America Gp 2 for place in the finals.

SOUTH AMERICA

Group 1
20. 8.89 Bolivia v Peru
27. 8.89 Peru v Uruguay
3. 9.89 Bolivia v Uruguay
10. 9.89 Peru v Bolivia
17. 9.89 Uruguay v Bolivia
24. 9.89 Uruguay v Peru

Group 2
20. 8.89 Colombia v Ecuador
27. 8.89 Paraguay v Colombia
3. 9.89 Ecuador v Colombia
10. 9.89 Paraguay v Ecuador
24 9.89 Colombia v Paraguay
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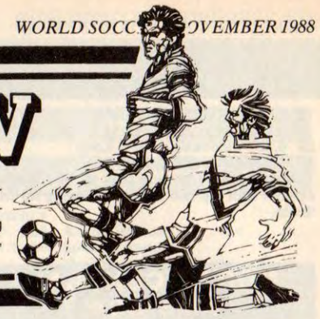

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